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Coleman, S. H. Moore, M. M. Long, T. W. Welch, J. H.

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Braddock, P. B.	Hankins, H.	Spencer, R.
Brown, Alfred	Jones, Wm.	Seabrooks, R.
Brookins, Robert B.	Jones, Allen	Sawyer, J. J.
Bell, S. H.	Johnson, Lewis	Scott, S. A.
Chadwick, R. W.	Jenkins, N. S.	Scott, John R.
Chisholm, H. F.	Johnson, Paris	Sturks, M. A.
Coleman, J. S.	Killix, W. B.	Speight, John
Clorie, C. L.	Lewis, Robert	Sival, F. P.
Collins, A. B.	Lee, Joseph E.	Spears, J. H.
Dudley, A. B.	Livingston, W. L.	Spencer, R. L.
Dukes, J. W.	Livingston, N. C.	Singleton, J. J.
Daniels, Calvin	Moore, J. L.	Thompson, T. T.
Dickerson, J. H.	Monzon, R. R.	Thomas, John
Edwards, James	Nobles, Wm.	Thompson, Amos
Fennell, Robert	Osgood, A. B.	Thomas, A. A.
Fleming, A. A.	Price, M. G.	Tice, S. T.
Gowens, P. G.	Phillips, R. D.	Wiley, B. W.
Gaines, T. T.	Quarterman, J. A.	Williams, Jacob
Gray, James L.	Quarterman, R. S.	Williams, R. B.
Gillislee, D. W.	Robinson, J. R.	Walker, A. W.
Greene, Ransom	Roseman, John	Williams, L. D.
Holmes, James	Robinson, B. D.	Weston, M. S.
Hadley, S. H.	Randolph, J. W.	Witherspoon, Geo. W.
Hill, G. B.	Roberts, James	Williams, J. L.
	Young, Y. H.	

TRAVELING DEACONS.

Andrews, S. S.	Fisher, J. F.	Smart, A. L.
Blacknell, J. B.	Griffin, Adam J.	Stafford, Geo. J.

Burnett, L. B.	Griffin, J. W.	Smith, S. F.
Brown, W. S.	Haynes, Thos. D.	Scott, Alexander
Brill, Frederick	Hicks, C. C.	Simmons, I. L.
Campbell, Aaron	Hill, Jordan D.	Thomas, Moses T. B.
Cary, M. T.	Jones, Peter	Thomas, Walker T.
Certain, W. D.	Jackson, L. K.	Thomas, J. H.
Clinton, J. N.	Jones, Herbert J.	Williams, N. J.
Denson, H. T.	Newton, J. J.	Williams, D. L.
Dorrell, J. W.	Nathan, S. J.	Wilson, Sarders
	Spivey, A. C. (student).	

LICENTIATES.

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Bennett, A. J.	Larkin, E. W.	Thomas, Wm.
Bolden, Prince	Lumpkins, Wm. M.	Tillman, John
Bolden, A. J.	Lawrence, A. L.	Thompson, Sumpter
Blye, J. R.	Manning, S. T.	Taylor, C. A. A.
Curtis, L. C.	McLean, Wm.	Williams, G. W.
Dance, D. P.	Merritt, Benj.	Walters, W. A.
Davis, J. H.	Stevens, Anthony	Williams, R. W.
Douglas, S. P.	Shaw, Geo. P.	Williams, Walter
Emmerson, Harvey	Saunders, T. B.	Weston, Joseph N.
Houston, R. H.	Selmore, L. W.	Williams, T. J.

LOCAL ELDERS.

Johnson, M. J.	Woods, Dennis	Smith, Charles
	Glymp, Walter.	

LOCAL DEACONS.

Butler, R. W.	Hawkins, G. W.	Stockton, King
Bryant, J. A.	James, Richard	Tyler, Landy
Chambers, A. C.	Jones, Owen	Thornton, A.
Cummings, Wm.	Loyd, Henry	Tidwell, Benj.
Floyd, John	Needham, Wm.	Walker, A. W.
Fuller, Prince	Nobles, Wm.	Walls, Robert

SUPERANNUATED.

Brigadier, R.	Morgan, Samuel.
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SESSIONS OF THE EAST FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

NO.	PLACE.	DATE.	PRESIDING BISHOP.	SECRETARY.	NO. OF MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE.
1	Palatka	February 27, 1878	Jabez P. Campbell	J. H. Armstrong	26
2	Ocala	February 5, 1879	Jabez P. Campbell	J. H. Armstrong	38
3	Madison	March 3, 1880	Jabez P. Campbell	J. J. Sawyer	53
4	Lake City	February 19, 1881	Alexander W. Wayman	J. J. Sawyer	62
5	Fernandina	February 22, 1882	Alexander W. Wayman	J. J. Sawyer	72
6	Gainesville	February 21, 1883	Alexander W. Wayman	J. E. Lee	69
7	Jacksonville	February 20, 1884	Alexander W. Wayman	J. E. Lee	78
8	Ocala	February, 1885	Daniel A. Payne	R. B. Brookins	89
9	Jacksonville	February, 1886	Daniel A. Payne	R. B. Brookins	94
10	Lake City	February, 1887	Daniel A. Payne	S. H. Coleman	110
11	Palatka	February, 1888	Daniel A. Payne	S. H. Coleman	115
12	Madison	February, 1889	Benj. W. Arnett	D. W. Gillislee	119
13	Gainesville	February, 1890	Benj. W. Arnett	John R. Scott	147
14	Jacksonville	February, 1891	Benj. W. Arnett	John R. Scott	171

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QUESTION 13. What preachers are admitted on trial? T. J. Williams, J. W. Jackson, A. J. Bennett, Wm. M. Lumpkins, L. W. Selmore, Robert Albert, Prince Bolden, S. T. Manning, Sumpter Thompson, H. T. Denson, A. J. Bolden, J. H. Davis, Walter Williams, Joseph N. Weston, A. Jackson, L. C. Curtis, J. R. Blye, E. W. Larkin, S. S. Andrews, A. L. Lawrence, Anthony Stevens, R. B. Hightower, Wm. McLeary, Benj. Merritt, C. A. A. Taylor, Geo. P. Shaw, J. F. Fisher, T. B. Saunders and Harvey Emmerson.

QUESTION 14. Who remain on trial? All of the above named, and R. B. Brooks, S. P. Douglass, Wm. Thomas, W. D. Rice, J. J. Smith, W. A. Watters, R. W. Williams, E. B. Stidum, W. D. Certain and John Tillman.

QUESTION 15. Who are admitted or re-admitted into full connection? A. B. Osgood, John Dorrell, C. C. Hicks, Jesse W. Griffin, Sanders Wilson, W. B. Burnett, W. S. Brown, I. L. Simmons, J. N. Clinton and Adam Griffin.

QUESTION 16. Who are the Deacons? *See Roll.*

QUESTION 17. Who have been elected and ordained Deacons and Elders this year? J. S. Coleman, A. B. Osgood and J. L. Moore, Traveling Elders. Charles Smith, Local Elder. A. Thornton and Benj. Tidwell, Local Deacons. C. C. Hicks, S. S. Andrews, W. D. Certain, J. N. Clinton, I. L. Simmons, Adam Griffin, L. B. Burnett, W. S. Brown and J. F. Fisher, Traveling Deacons.

QUESTION 17. (a). Who have located this year? No one.

QUESTION 18. Who have been elected by the General Conference to exercise the Episcopal office in, and to superintend the African M. E. Church? Daniel A. Payne, Alexander W. Wayman, Jabez P. Campbell, Thomas M. D. Ward, John M. Brown, Henry M. Turner, Richard R. Disney, Wesley J. Gaines, Benjamin W. Arnett, Benjamin T. Tanner and Abram Grant.

QUESTION 20. Who are the surperannuated preachers? R. Brigadier and Samuel Morgan.

QUESTION 21. Who have been expelled from the connection by this Conference? Elder S. P. Pettis.

QUESTION 22. Who have withdrawn this year from this Conference and the connection? Deacon F. L. E. Smith.

QUESTION 23. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? They have all been examined, and, with the exception of Bro. S. P. Pettis, their characters passed.

QUESTION 24. What members of the Conference have died this year? Simon Boggs, Superannuated Preacher, died at Welborn, Fla., October 9, 1890, and was buried there October 10th by Rev. P. Johnson. Thomas S. Delaney, Local Deacon, died at Fernandina, Fla., August 7, 1890, and was buried there August 8th by Rev. Robt. Lewis. Robert Epps, Superannuated Preacher, the date of whose death and place of burial were not given to the Secretary by the Committee on Memoirs. Elder W. C. Hamilton died in Gainesville, Fla., June 30, 1890, and was buried there July 1, 1890, by Revs. M. M. Moore and S. H. Coleman.

QUESTION 25. Where are the preachers stationed this year? *See appointments.*

QUESTION 26. Where shall our next Conference be held? In Mt. Olive Church, Orlando, Fla.

QUESTION 27. When shall we hold the next annual session of this Conference? In February, 1892, at the time appointed by the Presiding Bishop.





MRS. FLORIDA GRANT.



BISHOP ABRAM GRANT, D. D.

Bishop Abram Grant, Nineteenth Bishop of A. M. E. Church, was born at Lake City, Florida, 1848. Elected Bishop, May 19th, 1888, and ordained, May 24 h, by Bishop T. M. D. Ward and others.

Journal of Proceedings.

FIRST DAY—Thursday, Feb. 19, 1891.

MORNING SESSION.

The Fourteenth Session of the East Florida Annual Conference of the African M. E. Church convened at 10 o'clock A. M. in St. Paul Church, Jacksonville, Fla., Bishop B. W. Arnett Presiding Bishop.

The Bishop lined and commented on the hymn on page 264, "And are we yet alive," etc., and the Conference enthusiastically sang the same.

Bishop Abram Grant, D. D., of the Ninth Episcopal District, led in a fervent prayer, after which Dr. C. S. Smith, Secretary of the Sabbath School Union, read and commented upon the xiii chapter of Corinthians, to the edification of all present.

Bishops Grant and Arnett addressed the Conference, after which, while all joined with Bishop Grant in singing "I will guide thee with mine eye," etc., a general hand-shaking and Christian greeting took place.

The roll of the Conference was then called, and nearly every one of the brethren answered to their names.

By motion of Rev. S. H. Coleman seven seats from the altar in front and all the seats on the side was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

The Conference was organized by the unanimous election of the following officers :

Chief Secretary—J. R. Scott.

Statistical Secretary—B. W. Wiley.

Recording Secretary—J. H. Dickerson.

Reporter for City Papers—Gen. T. M. Chester.

Reporter for Christian Recorder—R. B. Brookins.

Reporter for Southern Christian Recorder—Rev. M. R. Wilson.

Marshals—Thos. D. Haynes, M. T. B. Thomas and J. B. Blackwell.

Postoffice Messenger—W. T. Thomas.

General Messenger—W. H. Hall.

On motion of Bro. J. E. Lee it was agreed that the Conference hold two sessions daily, the morning session beginning at 9 A. M. and closing at 1 P. M., the afternoon session beginning at 3 P. M. and closing at pleasure.

The Presiding Bishop was pleased to make the following appointment of Committees :

Admission—T. T. Gaines, J. J. Sawyer, J. R. Robinson.

First and Second Year's Studies—J. E. Lee, S. H. Hadley, S. A. Scott.

Third Year's Studies—S. H. Coleman, R. B. Brookins, J. R. Scott.

Fourth Year's Studies—J. H. Welch, B. W. Wiley, M. M. Moore, A. Brown.

Dollar Money—J. W. Dukes, T. T. Gaines, J. S. Coleman, R. Seabrooks, P. G. Gowen.

Education—J. E. Lee, J. H. Welch, Amos Thompson.

Home and Foreign Missions—T. W. Long, John Speights, A. B. Dudley.

Temperance—M. M. Moore, S. H. Coleman, J. L. Gray, T. T. Thompson, James Roberts.

Sunday Schools—Robert Lewis, P. G. Gowen, A. W. Walker.

Bible Cause—J. J. Sawyer, J. W. Randolph, H. H. Hawkins.

Finance—J. L. Williams, J. E. Lee, R. B. Brookins, G. B. Hill, J. H. Welch, G. Witherspoon.

Public Worship—M. M. Moore, J. W. Dukes, T. T. Gaines.

Transportation—P. B. Braddock, M. M. Moore, A. Brown, S. H. Coleman.

Publication Department—J. H. Spears, James S. Coleman, R. Spencer.

The State of the Church—H. F. Chisolm, William Jones, Y. H. Young.

Circuits and Stations—S. H. Coleman, M. M. Moore, P. B. Braddock, T. W. Long.

Memoirs—J. H. Welch, S. T. Tice, J. E. Lee, J. A. Quarterman, L. Johnson.

Children's Day, Endowment Day and Moneys—J. H. Dickerson, A. Thompson, M. A. Starks.

Minute Money—D. W. Gillislee, S. H. Bell, B. D. Robinson.

The Presiding Bishop formally presented to the Conference Rt. Rev. Bishop Abram Grant, D. D., of the Ninth Episcopal District; Doctors C. S. Smith, Secretary of the Sunday School Union, and W. D. Johnson, Secretary of Education; also, Rev. M. R. Wilson, B. D. of the Georgia Conference, agent for the Southern Christian Recorder; Rev. M. E. DeClaybrook of the Central Texas Conference; Rev. C. A. Taylor of the Baptist Church; Rev. S. C. Alexander of Alabama; Rev. G. E. Graves, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, St. Augustine, Fla.; all of whom were cordially received and given seats within the bar.

The reports of pastors were called for beginning with those of the Live Oak District with Madison Station. Some of the pastors were not present, and while awaiting their arrival the Gainesville District was called beginning with Ocala Station. Some of the pastors were not present. Rev. C. L. Bradwell and J. B. Lofton of Georgia, were introduced, cordially received, and given seats within the bar. Bishop Grant and Dr. Johnson surprised the Conference by exhibiting copies of the Quarto-Centenary of Methodism in the South, and particularly in South Carolina and Florida, by our own Bishop Arnett.

All of the brethren were pleased to see the book and to hear of the valuable information contained therein.

The time having come a recess was taken until three o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—THREE O'CLOCK.

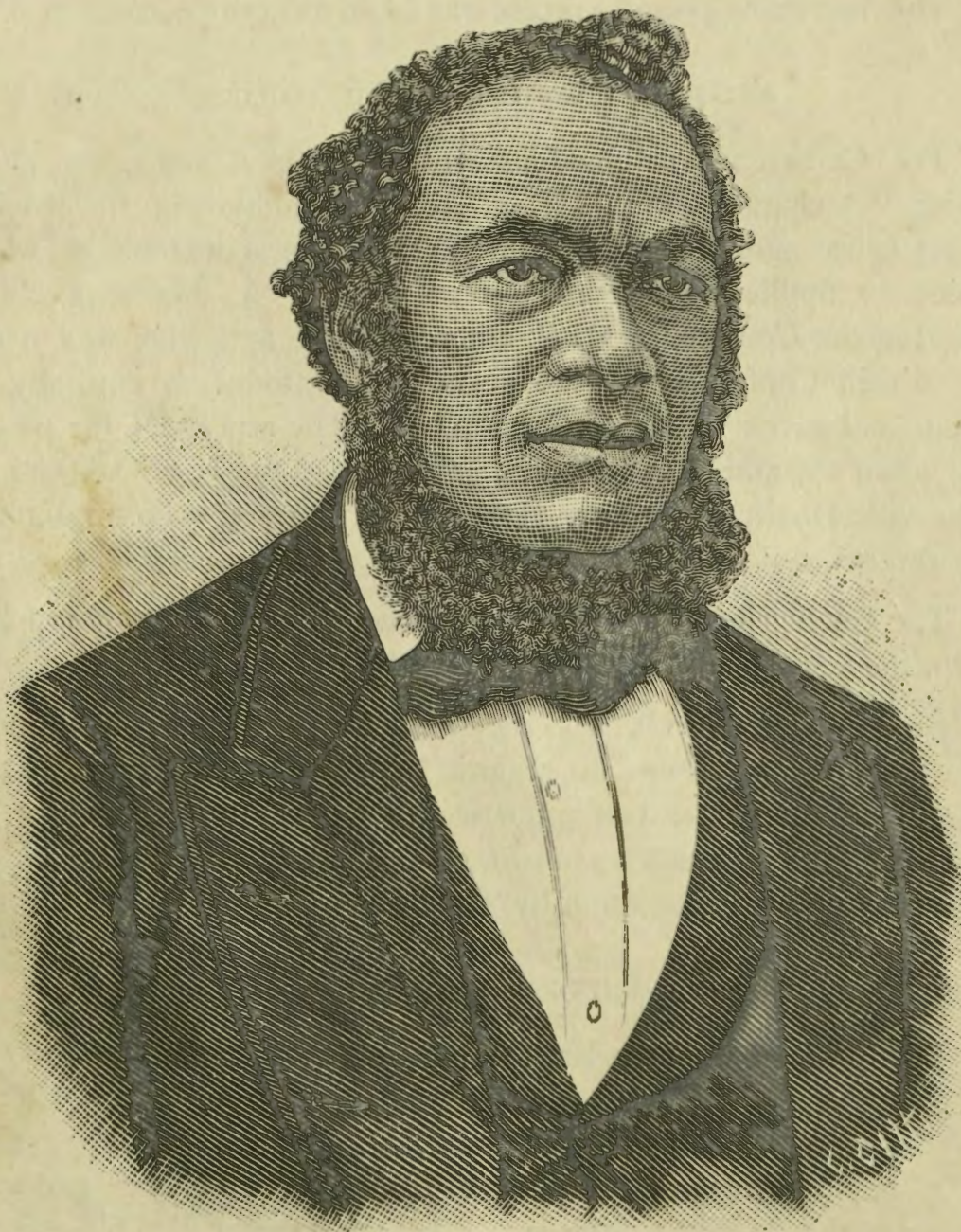
The Conference resumed its work, Bishop Arnett in the chair. Singing "A charge to keep I have, etc." By motion of Bro. A. W. Walker it was agreed that the Conference purchase a trunk in which to keep its supplies and records. Rev. Bro. E. A. Manning of the New England Conference M. E. Church North, and who was Secretary of said Conference for 30 years, was introduced, cordially received, and given a seat within the bar. The reports of the pastors were taken up, and a few of those belonging to the Live Oak and the Gainesville Districts who were absent at the morning session submitted their reports.

The Enterprise District was called and all of the pastors reported except the pastor of Key West Station.

Bro. C. L. Bradwell, who represents the publication Department, spoke to the brethren in regards to their subscribing to the Christian Recorder, and of a few standard works by authors of our church and others which he has for sale. The Conference took a recess until 7 : 30. Benediction by Rev. E. A. Manning.

EVENING SESSION—7 : 30.

The Conference and a large Congregation composed of the elite of Jacksonville and vicinity assembled in St. Paul A. M. E. Church to give a reception to Bishop A. Grant, D. D., and his Wife, of the 9th Episcopal District. Bishop Grant is a native of this State and was a member of this Annual Conference. Bishop Arnett called the meeting to order, then he with Rev. J. E. Lee having retired, returned escorting the following distinguished persons : Bishop Grant and Wife, Prof. B. W. Arnett, Mrs. Prof. J. P. Shorter and Miss Annie L. Arnett of Wilberforce, Ohio, Dr. C. S. Smith of Nashville, Tenn., Dr. W. D. Johnson of Athens, Ga., Rev. M. E. DeClaybrook of Texas, Rev. J. B. Lofton and C. L. Bradwell of Georgia. The following programme was carried out :



REV. CHAS. H. PIERCE,
Founder of the A. M. E. Church in Florida.

❖ Programme. ❖

Music,	-
Prayer,	- By Rev. T. W. Long, P. E.
Welcome Address,	- Rev. J. E. Lee, LL. B.
Music,	- - - - -
Response,	- Bishop Abram Grant.
Music and Greeting,	- By Members and Friends.
Doxology,	- - - - -
Benediction,	- Rev. T. T. Gaines.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED.

SECOND DAY—Friday Feb. 20.

MORNING SESSION, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Conference convened at the regular hour, Bishop Arnett presiding. Rev. R. Lewis led hymn, "Soldiers of Christ Arise, etc." After it was sung Rev. Bro. Brigadier led in prayer. The Minutes of the previous days session were read and approved. Gen. Chester the Stenographer read a full report of the prayers and addresses which were delivered, the reading of which was received with enthusiasm. Bro. E. A. Manning of the New England Annual Conference of M. E. Church, North, addressed the Conference. The reports of Gainesville District were called and those who had not reported, submitted their reports except Levyville Mission. The following brethren were introduced and invited to seats within the bar, Dr. W. V. O. Brainerd of the New York Conference, Dr. E. B. Snyder of the M. E. Church, North, J. W. Williams, P. E. of the C. M. E. Church, Rev. B. Reed of A. M. E. Church, J. J. Howard of M. E. Church, John Brown of the Baptist Church, N. W. Edwards and W. A. Bird, P. E. of the Conference. Live Oak District reports were continued and completed, except the report from the Pastor of Mosely Hall.

The Jacksonville District was called, beginning with Fernandina Station and completed with the exception of six appointments.

Key West Station of the Enterprise District reported.

The Presiding Bishop opened his letter box and read letters from the following: V. Green at Clermont Enterprise District, containing \$1.00 for the dollar money fund; from the S. S. at Palatka containing \$3.00 for Missionary purposes; from the Mt. Zion S. S. South Jacksonville, containing 40 cts. for education; from West Farm S. S. containing 50 cts. for education; from Mt. Pisgah S. S. Lake City, containing \$1.25 for the Missionary fund; Greenville S. S. sent \$1.00 for Missionary purposes; St. Matthew S. S. sent 50 cts. for the Missionary fund; Starke, S. S. sent 75 cts. for the Missionary fund; Ebenezer S. S. Live Oak, Miss. sent \$1.00 and New St. Augustine S. S. sent 50 cts. for the Missionary fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

The following Disciplinary Questions were asked and answered as follows:

Question 13—What preachers are admitted on trial? See Report of Committee on Admission.

Question 14—Who remain on trial?

Question 15—Who are admitted or readmitted into full connection?

Question 16—Who are the Deacons? See Roll.

Question 17—Who have been elected and ordained deacons and elders this year?

Question 17—*a.* Who have located this year?

Question 18—Who have been elected by the General Conference to exercise the Episcopal office in and to superintend the African M. E. Church? Dan'l A. Payne, Alexander W. Wayman, Jabez P. Campbell, Thos. M. D. Ward, John M. Brown, Henry M. Turner, Richard R. Disney, Wesley J. Gaines, Benjamin W. Arnett, Benjamin T. Tanner, Abram Grant.

Question 19—Who are the supernumerary preachers? See Roll.

Question 20—Who are the superannuated preachers? Bro. Sam'l Morgan asked for and was granted a superannuated relation.

Question 26—Where shall our next Conference be held, was asked, and Bro. B. W. Wiley, pastor of Tampa Station, nominated that place. Bro. G. W. Witherspoon, pastor of Key West Station, nominated that place. The claims of Key West were ably presented by Bro. T. W. Long, P. E., and those of Tampa, by Bro. Wiley. The Conference by vote decided in favor of Tampa.

Bishop Payne, Senior Bishop of our church and Presiding Bishop of the 3rd Episcopal District was introduced by Bishop Arnett, and cordially received by the Conference. Bishop Payne addressed the Conference as follows:

BRETHREN:—I have but a few words to say, and they are summed up in three or four things. First of all, I hope you have all been doing well, during the past conference year. I trust that God has crowned your efforts for the salvation of souls with great success. And now I make the exhortation that every one of you shall walk with God as Enoch and before God as Abraham did. Then shall you have power with God and with men to turn sinners from darkness into light, and from the power of Satan unto God. (Applause.)

Dr. C. S. Smith, of S. S. Union was introduced and very ably addressed the Conference on the work that the Union has done, is doing and its possibilities. Bishop Arnett then spoke, after which a recess was taken. Benediction by Bishop Grant.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Conference assembled, Bishop Arnett presiding. The following distinguished visitors were introduced to the Conference and invited to seats within the bar: Prof. Wm. M. Artrell, Revs. J. M. Deas and C. C. Manigault of the M. E. Church, Revs. B. Sweet, James Johnson and T. A. Glymp of the Baptist Church. Bro. A. A. Fleming of Enterprise Mission reported 50.cts. more dollar money and Bro. J. R. Scott of Green Cove Springs Station reported \$1.25 more dollar money, also \$2.00 from B. J. Wideman, Gordonton.

The Conference resolved itself into the Conference Missionary Society, Bishop B. W. Arnett President, Bro. R. Lewis was elected Treasurer *pro tem*. The Secretary, Bro. R. S. Quarterman called Roll and the following paid their dues:

MISSIONARY ROLL.

Rt Rev. B. W. Arnett.....\$	1 00	J. J. Singleton	\$ 1 00
P. G. Gowins	1 00	N. J. Williams	1 00
R. Spencer.....	1 00	R. B. Brookins.....	1 00
R. Seabrooks.....	1 00	T. W. Long	1 00
John Roseman	1 00	S. H. Coleman.....	1 00
R. W. Chadwick	1 40	M. M. Moore.	1 00
D. W. Gillislee.....	1 00	C. L. Clarry.....	50
J. E. Lee.....	1 00	A. B. Dudley.....	1 00
J. R. Scott	1 00	J. B. Blacknell.....	1 00
James Holmes	1 00	A. L. Smart	1 00
S. A. Scott.....	1 00	F. G. Haynes.....	1 00
R. B. Williams.....	1 00	J. L. Moore	1 00
J. W. Dukes.....	1 00	P. B. Braddock	1 00
S. H. Hadley.....	1 00	R. B. Brookins.....	50
A. A. Thomas	1 00	J. H. Welch.....	1 00
A. Brown	1 00	G. W. Witherspoon.....	1 00
J. A. Quarterman.....	1 00	S. H. Bell.....	1 00
M. G. Price.....	1 00	J. H. Spears.	1 00
John Speight.....	1 00	B. W. Wiley.....	1 00
R. Lewis.....	1 00	J. L. Williams	1 00
A. W. Walker.....	1 00	J. D. Hill	1 00
J. W. Randolph.....	1 00	S. Williams.....	1 00
R. Fenuel.....	1 00	J. R. Robinson.....	1 00
R. S. Quarterman	1 00	M. T. Carry.....	1 00
A. A. Fleming.....	1 00	J. W. Griffin.....	1 00
R. L. Spencer	1 00	J. W. Darrel.....	60
S. T. Tice.....	1 00	L. K. Jackson	1 00
M. S. Weston.....	1 00	J. H. Thomas.....	1 00
J. H. Dickerson.....	1 00	A. G. Campbell.....	1 00
Y. H. Young	1 00	G. J. Stafford.....	1 00
A. Thompson.....	1 00	Jacob William.....	1 00
W. L. Livingston.....	1 00	J. J. Smith	1 00
H. F. Chisholm	1 00	S. S. Andrews	25
N. C. Livingston	1 00	T. J. William	1 00
L. B. Barnett	1 00	W. Noble	1 00
A. J. Griffin.....	1 00	W. B. Kellip.....	1 00

I. L. Simmon	1 00	T. T. Thompson	75
W. D. Certian	1 00	S. P. Pettis.....	1 00
J. Tillman.....	1 00	A. B. Osgood..	1 00
C. C. Hicks	1 00	J. S. Coleman.....	1 00
W. S. Brown	1 00	F. S. Smith.....	1 00
H. Hawkins	1 00	A. Chambers...	1 00
G. W. Williams..	1 00	Alford W. Walker	50
W. A. Walters	1 00	H. J. Jones.	1 00
J. J. Sawyer	1 00	N. B. Stewart.....	1 00
J. N. Clinton	1 00	S. P. Sival.....	1 00
M. T. B. Thomas.....	1 00	R. D. Philips.....	1 00
H. Loyad.....	1 00	N. S. Jenkins.....	1 00
T. T. Goines ..	1 00	R. Bradia	1 00
Wilham Jones.....	1 00	J. Weston	1 00
P. Fuller	1 00	L. D. Williams.....	1 00
A. Scott.....	1 00	Allen Jones.....	1 00
F. Brill	1 00	Peter Jones..	1 00
W. Cumming	1 00	H. Small.....	1 00
John Floyal	90	A. B. Calling.....	1 00
G. B. Hill.....	1 00	King Stockton.....	50
William Noble	1 00	A. Jackson	50
J. L. Gray... ..	1 00	William Neatom.....	1 00
W. T. Thomas.....	1 00	M. A. Sturks..	1 00

The following officers of the Missionary Society were elected: B. W. Arnett, ex-officio, President; P. B. Braddock, Vice President; R. S. Quarterman, Secretary; R. B. Brookins, Treasurer. Executive Board: John Speight, J. A. Quarterman, A. B. Dudley, J. H. Dickerson, R. Seabrooks.

Bishop B. T. Tanner of the 11th Episcopal District was introduced to the Conference and encouraged the brethren in the work for the Master. Bro. N. B. Stewart, Missionary to the Bahama Islands, read the Report of his year's work in that field.

Dr. M. R. Wilson, Ag't for the Southern Christian Recorder, ably presented the claims of that paper.

Bishop Tanner, speaking to the Conference of the Quarto Centenary Book by Bishop Arnett, said, in my opinion it is the greatest



REV. JNO. R. SCOTT, B. D.,
Secretary of the Conferance.



REV. W. W. SAMPSON,
One of the Founders of Divinity High School.

book that our church has produced, being full of facts, it cannot die. The Conference took a recess until 8 p. m. Benediction by Bishop Tanner.

EVENING SESSION, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Conference and a large Congregation assembled in an Educational Mass Meeting, Bishop Arnett presiding. Devotional Exercises conducted by Bro. P. G. Gowins. The Choir sang, "He is just the same to-day," after which Bishop Arnett introduced Prof. B. W. Arnett, Pres. of Edward Water's College (now Divinity High School), Prof. Arnett, ably and eloquently discussed the subject of Christian Education and its absolute necessity to our advancement as a race. Drs. J. H. Welch, W. D. Johnson and Bishop Grant delivered pithy addresses on the same important subject. A collection was called for Education. Many persons contributed, total \$80.10

"The Church is moving on," was rousingly sung. Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

THIRD DAY—Saturday, Feb. 21.

MORNING SESSION, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Conference convened at 9:30 o'clock. Bishop Abram Grant in the chair. Devotional exercises by Rev. T. W. Long. Singing, hymn, page 270, "Why should the children of a King." Scripture lesson, the 34th psalm. Singing, "In the cross I am anchored," led by Bishop Grant. The minutes of the previous days session were read, and while the question to approve them was pending the Secretary of the Missionary Society, (Bro. R. S. Quarterman) read the list of those who paid their missionary dues the day previous. The roll was verified (others paid their dues which raised the missionary collection to \$107.80.) The secretary of the Trustee Board of Edward Waters College, Bro. M. M. Moore, called the names of those who contributed for education at the mass meeting the night previous. The roll was verified, and others came forward and paid \$25.75 making the total collection for education \$105.85. Prof. E. L. Bell, LL. B., of Tampa, Fla., Rev. J. F. Lewton, P. E., of the Jacksonville

District M. E. Church, North, Rev. A. A. Presley, of the M. E. Church, South, and Rev. W. M. Thompson, of the Florida Conference, Rev. Schofield, Financial Steward of the Philadelphia Conference M. E. Church were introduced and invited to seats within the bar. Revs. Lewton, Presley, and Schofield addressed the Conference. Bro. Joab Williams of Georgetown, Jacksonville District, having just arrived submitted his pastoral report. Rev. F. Pasco of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced and invited to a seat within the bar. The Conference and congregation burst forth in a torrent of applause as the venerable hero of African Methodism, Bishop T. M. D. Ward Presiding Bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District, entered the door and walked down the isle to the pulpit. He was introduced by Bishop Arnett, and delivered a most interesting address. (See "Speeches before Conference.")

Elder T. W. Long ably responded in behalf of the conference. Words of encouragement, rejoicing and commendation of the work done by Bishop Ward and the progress of the Church were spoken of by Drs. C. S. Smith, W. D. Johnson and Rev. J. S. Woods, of the Iowa Conference of the A. M. E. Church. With so much spiritual animation did the congregation, led by Bro. M. M. Moore, join in singing, "The Church is Moving on," that all felt that it was good to be here.

The Presiding Bishop appointed the following Judiciary Committee: J. E. Lee, J. R. Robinson, R. Seabrooks, J. L. Gray and J. J. Sawyer.

The cases of Bro. J. H. Spears, for debt, and Bros. W. T. Thomas, R. S. Quarterman, S. P. Pettis, R. B. Brookins and N. S. Jenkins were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Committee on Fourth Years' Studies reported, and their report was adopted. (See report.)

Bros. J. L. Moore and Charles Smith, recommended by that committee, were elected to Elder's orders; the former a Traveling Elder and the latter a Local Elder, at the request of Mt. Zion Church, Jacksonville.

Presiding Elder S. H. Coleman reported \$12 Dollar money and \$5 Endowment Day money from Mosley Hall.

The Committee on Home and Foreign Missions reported through its chairman, Bro. A. B. Dudley, \$43.13 missionary money received from circuits and stations, and 75 cents mite missionary money.

Rev. M. W. Gilbert, of the Baptist Church, was introduced and seated within the bar.

Bro. T. W. Long, by permission, made a statement relative to the vote of the conference fixing Tampa as the place of next session. Bro. Dudley moved that the vote fixing Tampa as the place of the next session be reconsidered. Bro. Long supported the motion, and Bro. Wiley spoke against it. The motion to reconsider prevailed. It was moved that Orlando be the seat of the next conference. Bro. Witherspoon moved to amend the motion by striking out Orlando and inserting Tampa. By motion of Bro. Welch the amendment was tabled. The question recurring on the original motion it was put and carried.

Dr. W. D. Johnson, Secretary of Education, submitted the following as information in regard to the work of his office: The affairs of our Educational Department are in a prosperous condition. More schools are being erected, more monies are being collected from Endowment Day and other efforts than ever before. Through the earnest attention of the entire bench of Bishops in the several episcopal districts, we are witnessing just now a general uprising of our people for the promotion of education, and to the coming Endowment Day, on the 3d Sunday of September, 1891, we are looking for larger educational collections than at any time in the past. We have under our auspices 23 institutions of learning, 91 teachers, 2719 students, 221 graduates; value of educational property, \$377,795; collections for the year, \$50,000; school debts, \$26,488.24. We earnestly request our ministers to place the wants of our school work before the people in their respective fields of labor.

The Committee on First and Second Years' Studies reported. Report adopted. (See Reports.)

The conference took a recess. Benediction by Bishop Ward.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 4 P. M.

Conference assembled, Bishop Arnett presiding.

The Endowment Day Committee reported. (See Reports.) The report was adopted.

Bro. Wm. Needham paid \$1.00 missionary money, and Bro. M. A. Sturks paid \$1.00 for education and \$1.00 for missionary dues.

Dr. W. B. Derrick, Secretary of Missions, was introduced by the presiding bishop and made one of his eloquent and interesting addresses, which inspired the conference to greater labors for God and mankind.

Rev. C. F. Brown, of the Florida Conference, and Prof. M. M. Lewey, editor of the "Gainsville Sentinel," were introduced and invited within the bar.

The Committee on Admission reported. (See Reports.) On motion the report was adopted.

P. E., T. W. Long asked that Bro. W. S. Brown be ordained Deacon under the missionary rule.

Bro. W. D. Certain, C. C. Hicks, S. S. Andrews, I. L. Simmons, L. B. Burnett, Adam Griffin, J. N. Clinton and J. F. Fisher were elected to Deacon's orders.

Bro. J. R. Scott offered the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from this world Miss Hellen D. Handy, late Musical Instructress in the Edward Waters College of this city; therefore

Resolved, That the East Florida Annual Conference hereby place upon record its high appreciation of her beautiful christian character and useful life.

Resolved, That the conference hereby tenders its sympathy to the faculty and students of Edward Waters college in the loss of such a valuable and loving teacher and friend as Miss Handy ever proved herself to be.

Resolved, That we hereby extend our deepest sympathy to the sorrowing father, Rev. Jas. A. Handy, D. D., of Washington,

D. C., Financial Secretary, and other members of the stricken family ; and commend them to the tender mercies of that same gracious Father whose delight is to comfort the afflicted.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to R. v. Dr. Handy by the secretary of the conference ; and that the Committee on Memoirs be requested to arrange suitable exercises with reference to the late Miss Handy, to be carried out at sometime during the session of the conference in connection with other memorial services.

It was adopted by a standing vote.

Conference took a recess. Benediction by Dr. Derrick.

EVENING SESSION, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Conference assembled, Bishop Arnett in the chair. Singing :
"I Will Guide Thee With Mine Eye."

The Committee on Third Year's Studies reported. (See Report).
The report was adopted.

The following were called before the altar and after being instructed as to their duties as traveling preachers, by the presiding Bishop, were received on trial: T. J. Williams, J. W. Jackson, A. J. Bennett, Wm. M. Lupkins, L. W. Selmore, Robt. Albert, Pierce Bolden, S. T. Manning, Sumpter Thompson, H. T. Denson, A. J. Bolden, J. H. Davis, Walter Williams, Joseph W. Weston, A. Jackson, L. C. Curtis, J. R. Blye, E. W. Larkin, S. S. Andrews, A. L. Lawrence, Anthony Stevens, R. B. Hightower, Wm. McCleary, Benj. Merrit, C. A. A. Taylor, Geo. P. Shaw, J. F. Fisher, F. B. Saunders.

The Judiciary Committee made its report. (See Reports.)

Pending the adoption of the report Bro. S. P. Pettis was allowed to make a statement. He acknowledged his offense and asked for mercy. Bishop Arnett touched the hearts of all in expressing his sorrow for Bro. Pettis, but as a bishop of the church of the living God, he could not connive at sin, or approve of wrong doing. The conference unanimously adopted the report, and the bishop declared Bro. S. P. Pettis expelled from the A. M. E. Church.

The conference took a recess. Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

FOURTH DAY—Sunday, Feb. 22.

The Sunday services were under the auspices of the conference.

At 9 A. M. the Sunday-school of St. Paul Chapel, with Bro. A. H. Evans as pastor, began its exercises. Addresses of much interest and eloquence were delivered by Brothers A. B. Osgood, of Madison, S. H. Coleman, presiding elder of the Live Oak District, and N. B. Stewart, the A. M. E. missionary in the Bahama Islands.

At 11 o'clock there was an immense congregation of worshippers assembled in St. Paul Church, many of them standing throughout the services. The devotional ceremonies were conducted by Bishop Grant lining the first hymn, which was followed with a fervent prayer by Rev. E. A. Manning of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The scriptural lesson was read by Rev. M. M. Moore from the third chapter of Jonah, which was succeeded by the liturgy of the church which was solemnly recited under the lead of Rev. G. P. Ross of the Ohio Conference. The choir during the devotional services contributed some choice selections, with cultivated voices, which were highly appreciated.

Bishop John M. Brown was introduced and preached an interesting and practical sermon from Jonah, third chapter and the latter clause of the second verse: "And preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee." As it was an ordination occasion, the sermon was directly addressed to the candidates. He said there were two things to be considered, first the preacher and secondly the kind of preaching he should preach. It was a sound discourse, enlightened by wisdom and strengthened by argument.

The following persons were ordained deacons by Bishop Arnett: W. D. Certain, C. C. Hicks, S. S. Andrews, I. L. Simmons, Adam Griffin, J. N. Clinton, L. R. Burnett, W. S. Brown, J. F. Fisher; Local Deacons: A. Thornton and Benjamin Tidwell.

The following were ordained elders by Bishop Arnett, assisted by

Elders Moore, Coleman, Braddock, Long and Wiley: J. L. Moore, J. S. Coleman, O. B. Osgood, and Charles Smith were ordained as local elders.

FIFTH DAY—Monday, Feb. 23.

MORNING SESSION.

The conference assembled at 9.30 A. M., Bishop Arnett presiding. Devotional exercises led by Dr. Derrick. Hymn, "O for a heart to praise my God," etc. The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

Bishop J. M. Brown, of the Fourth Episcopal District, was formally introduced to the conference. He gave to the brethren words of good cheer and wholesome advice.

Mt. Zion, Mt. Olive, Brooklyn, and St. Paul stations reported; also Midway mission.

The Committee of Circuits and Stations reported. Report adopted.

Bishop H. M. Turner, of the First Episcopal District, was presented to the conference and spoke eloquently to the brethren.

Singing: "I will follow," led by Bishop Grant was rousingly sung.

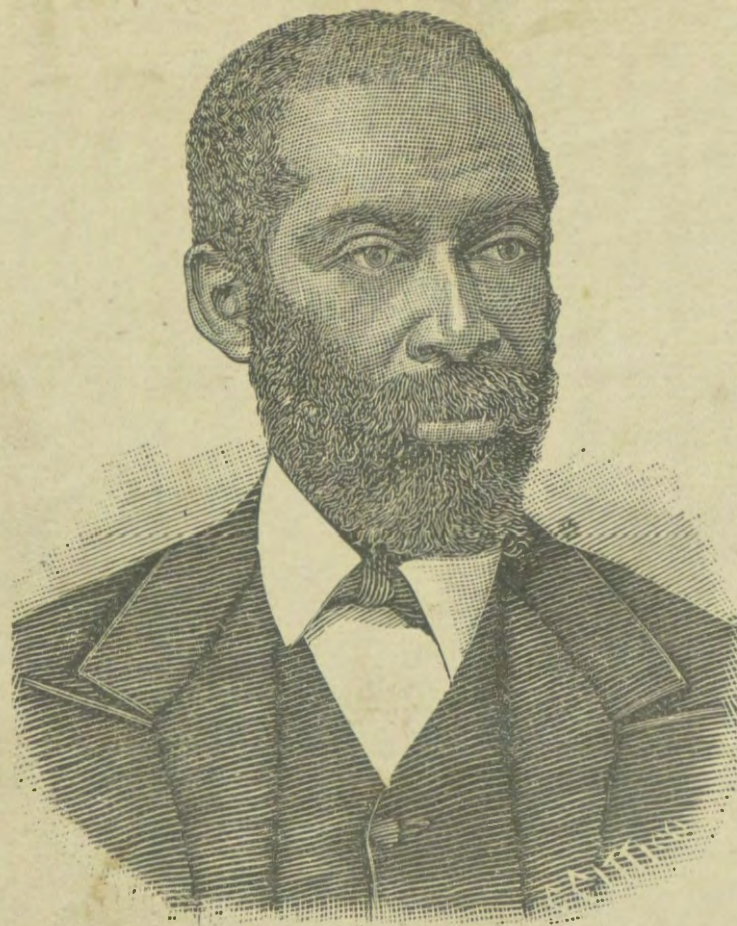
The Committee on Temperance reported. On the question to adopt Bros. A. Brown, J. H. Spears and Bishop Turner spoke. Bro. Dudley moved to amend the report by inserting therein a paragraph condemning the use of tobacco in every form. The amendment was adopted. The report as amended was adopted.

Prof. S. B. Darrell, president of Cookman Institute, this city, Revs. H. W. Starks, A. R. Harsberry and B. C. Gibbs, of the Florida Conference, were introduced and given seats within the bar.

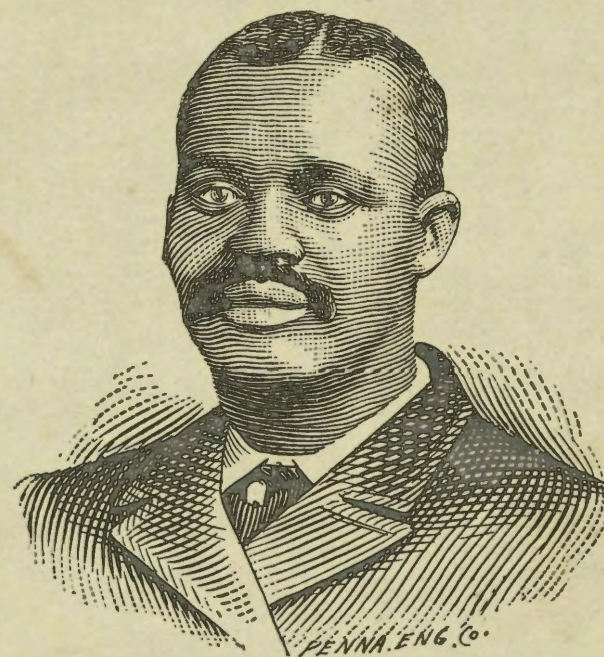
The Committee on Education reported. (See Reports.)

Remarks on the subject of Education were made by Bishop Grant and Dr. C. S. Smith.

The presiding bishop introduced to the conference Bishop Tan-



GENERAL T. MORRIS CHESTER,
Stenographer.



REV. B. W. WILEY,
Statistical Secretary.

ner, the president of the Missionary Department. He addressed the conference on the importance of missions, etc. Then Dr. W. B. Derrick, secretary of the Missionary Department, spoke eloquently and interestingly of the work that the church is doing for the sacred cause of missions.

Bishop Tanner, rising, called the attention of the conference to the fact that he, while in his foreign field had remembered his colleagues, particularly those who were elected with him in Indianapolis in 1888. As a token of his appreciation, amid great applause, he presented Bishops Grant and Arnett each with a walking cane from Bermuda. He also brought one for Bishop Gaines.

The Dollar Money Committee reported. (See Reports).

Conference took a recess. Benediction by Bishop Turner.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Conference assembled, Bishop Arnett presiding.

The roll was called for subscribers to the church organs, and the Review, and many responded.

Dr. B. F. Lee, D. D., editor of the Christian Recorder was introduced to the Conference, and by request of the presiding Bishop, addressed the conference. His remarks were frequently interrupted with applause. Bishop W. J. Gaines, of the Sixth Episcopal District, came in and was presented to the brethren. The Bishop encouraged the brethren in his usual happy manner and pleasant style. The Conference and congregation led by Bro. M. M. Moore, sang enthusiastically, "The Church Is Moving On."

The Contingent Committee reported. (See Report).

The Committee on Memoirs reported. (See Report).

Solemn services beginning with "Shall We Meet Beyond the River." Appropriate remarks were made by Bro. Robt. Lewis and A. B. Osgood on Bro. Thos S. Delaney. Rev. D. W. Gillislee spoke of the successful work and happy death of Bro. W. C. Hamilton. Bro. H. F. Chisholm, R. Brigadier and King Stockton, spoke feelingly of our departed heroes. Bro. J. H. Welch spoke particularly of Miss H. D. Handy and paid an eloquent and fitting tribute to her excellent

character and noble worth. Dr. C. S. Smith, spoke grandly of the grand hero and talented M. E. Bryant, late editor of our Southern Christian Recorder. Memorial services closed with singing, "He Leadeth Me."

Bro. J. R. Robinson having been objected to on the Judiciary Committee in the case of Bro. R. S. Quarterman, the presiding Bishop appointed in his stead, and to act only on that case, Bro. A. B. Dudley.

The Committee on Appropriation reported. The report was adopted. (See Reports).

Bro. Isaac Adams, of the Bahama Islands was elected to Deacon's orders under the Missionary rule; and the Presiding Bishop was requested to ordain him as soon as practicable.

Conference closed. Benediction by Bishop W. J. Gaines

EVENING SESSION, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

The conference resumed its work, Bishop Grant in the chair. Singing: "God be with you till we meet again."

The Presiding Elders read their reports. (See Reports.)

By motion the names of Bros. A. J. Carnine, S. J. Nathan and Walter Glymp were placed on the roll.

Bro. R. B. Hightower, an elder from the Baptist Church, was obligated by Bishop Grant.

By motion the Electoral College was directed to meet in Gainesville, Fla., on the second Wednesday in June, which is June 10, 1891.

The Committee on Sabbath-schools, and the Committee on State of the Church reported, and after interesting remarks the reports were adopted.

Bro. R. B. Williams, General Missionary for this conference, reported his year's labor and its results. The report was adopted.

Bro. J. J. Sawyer offered a resolution commendatory to Rev. W. F. Thompson, one of our missionaries. The resolution was adopted after the preamble was ordered stricken out.

The Committee on Minute Money reported. (See Reports.) The report was adopted.

The Missionary Board distributed the missionary funds among the conference missionaries.

The Judiciary Committee reported. (See Reports.) The report was adopted after striking out the committee's recommendation in regard to Bro. Jenkins. Then by motion Bros. Jenkins and R. S. Quarterman's characters were passed. Harvey Emmerson, from the M. E. Church, was received on trial.

By motion the Conference agreed to purchase a new record book.

Rev. S. H. Coleman offered a resolution extending the heartfelt thanks of the Conference to the members and friends of St. Paul Church, for the excellent manner in which they took care of the Conference. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Bishop Arnett having come, he addressed the people and conference commending them for what they had done, and exhorting them to go forward to their duties and responsibilities, and announced the following appointments for the ensuing year :

ENTERPRISE DISTRICT.

M. M. Moore, presiding elder ; Orlando station, R. B. Brookins ; Tampa station, B. W. Wyley ; Sanford, S. A. Scott ; Leesburg, T. T. Gaines ; Wildwood, A. Browne ; Sumterville, John Sparte ; Brooksville, R. G. Gaines ; Eatonville, A. A. Fleming ; Longwood, James P. Coleman ; Apopka, M. T. V. B. Thomas ; DeLeon Springs, John Thomas ; Titusville, T. Y. Williams ; Daytona, Y. D. Hill ; Astor, to be supplied ; Enterprise, L. D. Williams ; DeLand, R. S. Quarterman ; Key West, G. W. Wetherspoon ; Orange City, R. L. Spencer ; Yalaha, to be supplied ; Eustis, S. F. Smith ; Oakland, U. Y. Williams ; Kissimmee, H. Hawkins ; Manatee, Robert Fernell ; Tarpon Springs, N. B. Kilix ; Fort Myers, W. S. Brown ; Arcadia, Joseph Weston ; Lakeland, A. Jackson ; Bartow, J. A. Quarterman ; Fruitland Park, A. L. Smart ; St. Cloud, A. Thompson.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

T. W. Long, presiding elder ; Gainesville station, J. T. Gray ;

Ocala, J. W. Dukes; Citra circuit, T. T. Thompson; Anthony, Parris Johnson; Bellair, Alexander Scott; Hawthorne, N. S. Jenkins; Starke, J. H. Dickerson; Fair Banks, J. J. Singleton; Mt. Tabor, Y. H. Young; Cedar Key, A. Thompson; Lochland, A. Walker; Ocala mission, Allen Jones; Staunton and Lake Weir, George Archer; Shiloh, D. L. Williams; Silver Spring, G. J. Stafford; Old Town, G. W. Williams; Lowell, A. J. Bennett; Bronson, Joseph Newton; Micanopy, J. N. Clinton; Citrus county, E. B. Stedham; Archer station, ———; Mt. Zion mission, Thomas G. Haynes; Waldo, ———; Arredondo, ———; Jonesville, Ransom Green; Newnansville, N. C. Livingston; Hopewell and Lake Butler, John Fisher; Noble Hill, John Cowin.

LIVE OAK DISTRICT.

S. H. Coleman, presiding elder; Madison station, R. Seabrooks; Lake City, S. H. Hadley; Hamburg circuit, M. T. Carey; Mt. Zion, B. D. Robinson, Jest Lamb, A. G. Campbell; West Farm, A. B. Osgood; Bellville, F. P. Sivals; Rixford, M. S. Weston; Marion, L. B. Burnett; Jasper, W. L. Livingston; Live Oak, A. B. Dudley; Branford, H. F. Chisholm; Columbia City, J. H. Spears; Bethel, R. D. Phillips; Bell's Mill, A. A. Thomas; Houston, R. Spencer; Welborn, P. Johnson; Greenville mission, James Holmes; Greenland and Taylor county, I. L. Simmons; Clifton, J. B. Blackwell; Mosely Hall, A. B. Collins; Live Oak, R. W. Williams; Lake City, Calvin Daniels; Smith's School house, Adam J. Griffin; Suwannee Shoals, Thomas B. Saunders; Fort White, H. J. Jones; Lafayette county, L. W. Selmore; Orange Spring, R. R. Manzon; Ashberry, R. W. Chadwick; Grace Pond, A. S. Harris; Evanston, ———; Gordontown, ———; Hampton and Melrose, ———.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.

Rev. J. H. Welch, presiding elder; Mt. Zion, D. W. Gillislee; St. Paul, J. R. Scott; Mt. Olive, John R. Robinson; Fernandina, R. Lewis; St. Augustine, G. B. Hill; Palatka, P. B. Braddock; Green Cove, Mt. Zion station, J. L. Moore; Brooklyn, Mt. Moriah, William Jones; Crescent City, Union Bethel, S. T. Tice; South Jacksonville mission, Joseph E. Lee; New Hope, J. L. Williams; East Palatka, M. G. Price; Georgetown, Jacob Williams; Callaban, Jesse Griffin; Mandarin, J. J. Sawyer; Satsuma Heights, U. D. Cer-

tain; New Berlin, Fred Billings; St. Luke, J. N. Randolph; St. Johns, C. C. Hicks; Baldwin, William Nobles; Orange Park, N. T. Thomas; San Mateo, J. U. Dowell; Picolata, Sanders Wilson; Powellsville, Henry Small; Nassau City, J. R. Roseman; Clarkesville, J. H. Thomas; Cedar Creek, Prince Bolden; Middleburgh, S. S. Andrews; St. Moultrie, Matthew Thomas; West Jacksonville, Larkie Savage.

The minutes of the day's session were read and approved, then the benediction was pronounced, and the conference stood adjourned to meet in Orlando, Fla., in Feb., 1892.

B. W. ARNETT, *Bishop*.

JOHN R. SCOTT, *Secretary*.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

LIVE OAK DISTRICT.

LIVE OAK, FLA., FEB. 19, 1891.

To the Rt. Rev. Benjamin W. Arnett, D. D., Presiding Bishop, and Members of the East Florida Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. AND DEAR FATHER AND BRERHREN:

Being a "Soldier of the Cross" of several years' standing, and knowing that he that would rule well must first learn to obey, having been assigned by the last Annual Conference to take charge of this wing of the East Florida Division of the Grand Army of African Methodism, with the faithful and God fearing men assigned to my department, we have been engaged in a most aggressive conquest in the Holy Cause of soul-saving, race-elevating and church building, as well, also, as money raising.

The scene of our operation has been between the Aucilla river on the west and the famous battle fields of the Olustee on the east, and from the banks of the Santa Fe river on the south to the Georgia State line on the north. Experience justifies us in the opinion that in order for this District, which is the Rural, or Farming District, to make any showing from a financial standpoint, as compared with the more favored Eastern and Southern Districts, that it would be necessary that each man on the District do a third more work than those of other Districts. To fully understand this statement it is only necessary to admit that our Annual Conference Sessions are postponed from November and December to February, not to accommodate this section of the State, but that the more easterly and southern portions may have time to reap their financial harvest. There are no orange groves, winter resorts, phosphate factories, or a town of 1,000 electors within

the bounds of this District, and still, sir, under the command of our good Lord, we have not ceased in our efforts day or night. Thanking our Heavenly Master for having kept us till now, we hasten to lay before you for your consideration, our Third Annual Report.

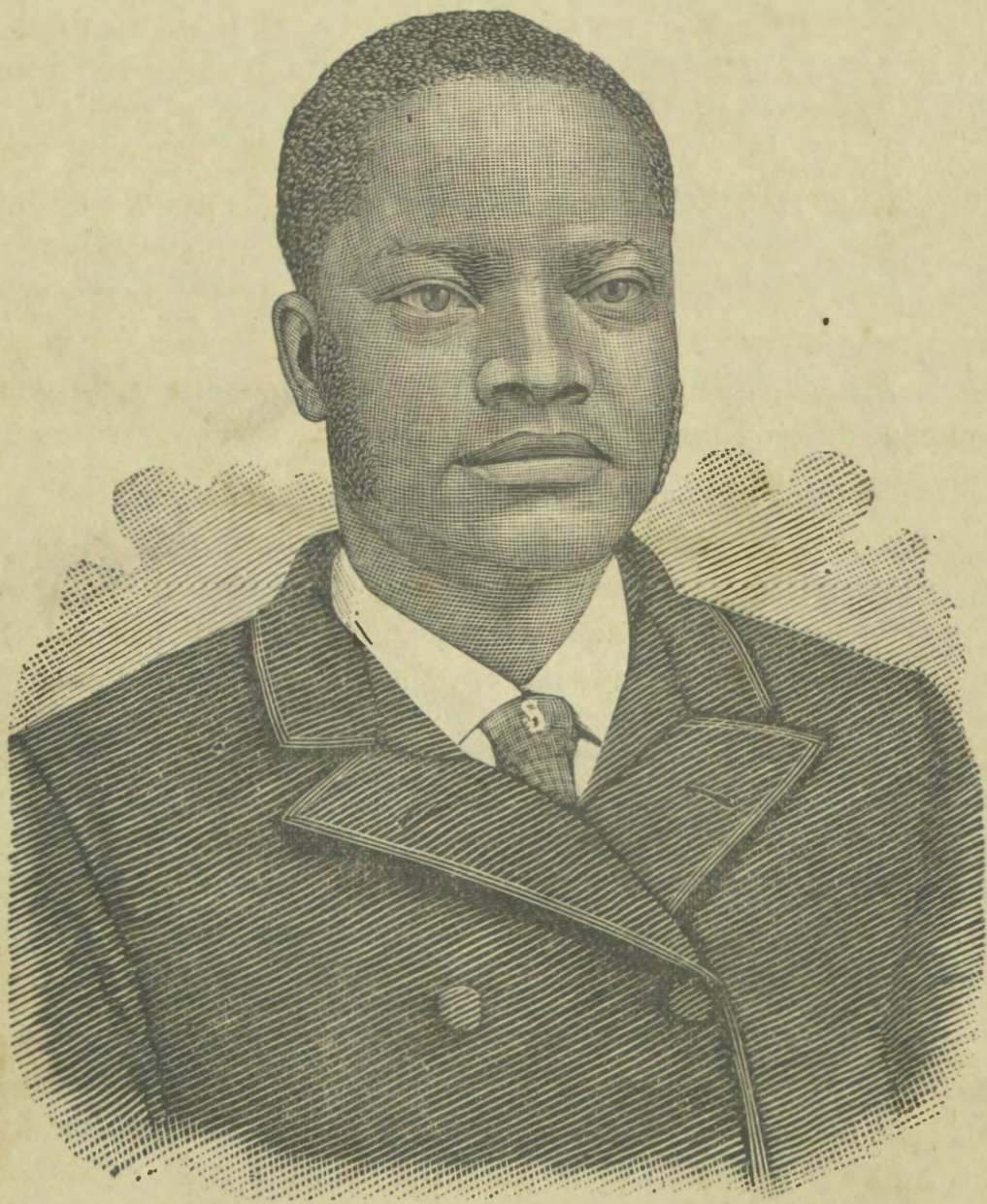
With uncovered heads and at "*low breath*" we come, first of all, to inform you, that the Rev. Simon Boggs, of whom mention was made in my last report, is now dead. Father Boggs, as he was called, was one of the oldest pioneers of the Florida Conference, and when the work was divided into two Conferences, he cast his lot with the E. F. C. He died October 9th, 1890, and is buried at St. Simon church.

Rev. Riley William, also one of the early pioneers, died and is buried at Bellville, Hamilton county.

Rev. Phillips has paid for the deed for our property at Greenville. Rev. Osgood has done something towards improving Hamburg. Another acre with a good deed has been secured by Rev. A. B. Collins for the trustees at Just Lamb. Rev. M. T. Cary has seated his new church, and the Circuit is out of debt. C ry is a good one.

Rev. Dudley has beautified Ebenezer by putting on a fresh coat of paint inside. It is W. L. Livingston at Jasper that causes New Bethel to be so prosperous now—the church is ceiled. A deed has been paid for at Fort White and Mt. Moriah, seated by Rev. H. J. Jones. Rev. H. F. Chisholm, the evangelist, has opened a mission in Lafayette county.

Adam J. Griffin, the missionary, has built a church upon the Smith School House Mission, and taken in eighteen members. We had nothing here when we took charge. Rev. F. P. Sivals, the sweet singer, has been sick most of the year, but his work is in good condition. Bethel Chapel has been weatherboarded anew by Rev. B. D. Robinson. Mt. Pisgah, at Lake City, has been newly ceiled overhead, and entirely painted inside, Rev. S. H. Hadly, pastor. Rev. Daniels has restored peace in the Mission. Rev. Weston is working up his appointment. This is L. B. Burnett's first year, and he leads the District on Endowment money with one exception, viz: Rev. B. D. Robinson. That whitewash, new bell and fence around Shiloh, and the new Springville Chapel is the work of Rev. A. G. Campbell,



REV. S. H. COLEMAN,
Presiding Elder, Live Oak District.

who is in his second year in the itinerancy. Columbia City needs a chapel.

Big Elder Seabrook still pastors Madison, and is highly respected. Rev. R. Spencer had a grand revival, and his work is among the best. Rev. J. B. Blackwell has built a chapel at Clifton and received a number of members; a year ago we had nothing here. Rev. I. L. Simmons has remained in the far south-west, and did good work. For two years Peter Jones has had an appointment and has not brought forth any fruit. Rev. H. Henry is a failure. He only succeeded in keeping up confusion with his people. Rev. A. A. Thomas is teaching school at Cherry Lake. Rev. P. Johnson is preparing to rebuild St. Simon Chapel. That you may better understand the spiritual condition of the District I present the following statistics as reported to the Quarterly Conference.

Number received on probation.....	639
“ “ into full membership.....	460
“ “ by certificate.	24
“ removed by certificate	61
“ expelled.....	246
“ died.....	39
“ of infants baptized.....	124
“ of adults baptized.....	183
“ of full members.....	2,630
“ of probationers.....	278
“ of applications to preach.....	31
“ of persons granted license to preach.....	18
“ of local preachers silenced.....	21
“ of persons licensed to exhort.....	6
“ of Sunday Schools.....	58
“ of Sunday School pupils.....	2,383
“ of books in the libraries.....	3,315
“ of students attending Divinity High School.....	4

EDUCATION.

The class of teachers that once disgraced the public school system is fast being replaced by well trained and accomplished teachers.

At the educational meeting held on May 9th, at Lake City, we

laid the claims of our Divinity High School before a large congregation.

Endowment Day was a high day for the sacred cause, as may be seen from the pastor's report, though there is cause to fear the failure to send out the medals earlier will create such widespread dissatisfaction that the confidence of the people may become abused, and injure our next annual collection. Our

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atmosphere is being purified, and we may hope for good results in the future, though I am compelled to call attention to the growing and low, common practice of ministers contracting debts they cannot, do not, and will not pay. Our reputation as a connection is being very much damaged by them.

The "funeral angel," or renegade preacher is also entitled to some attention from this Conference. They should be taught the meaning of discipline touching ministers interfering ; or what is better still, to appoint them "funeral missionaries," to preach all the funerals in the District, and thus make room for live ministers to the living people whose message is from God received, and let these dead go on burying their dead. The condition of things is far from being satisfactory. Two causes may be assigned for this: 1st, the failure of the crops; 2d, the stringency in the money market. The following is our financial statement:

Collected to pay pastors.....	\$ 4,851 08
" for trustee purpose	913 86
" to pay Presiding Elder's salary and traveling.....	916 41
" for charitable purposes.....	223 74
" for Children's Day.....	59 41
Endowment Day collection.....	221 40
Collected for Easter Day.....	17 41
" for Sunday School purposes.....	537 50
Dollar Money collection.....	<hr/>

My three year's work is finished on this District, and now, brethren, hoping the blessings of the all-wise God may rest upon you

and that this may be a profitable as well as pleasant session, I am,
Yours for the cause of Christ, the advancement of
Christianity and African Methodism

S. H. COLEMAN,
Presiding Elder.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., FEB. 19, 1891.

*Rt. Rev. Benjamin W. Arnett, D. D., Presiding Bishop, and Members of the 14th
Session of the East Florida Annual Conference.*

REV. FATHER AND BRETHREN :

Through the great mercy of God and the beneficence of a kind Redeemer, I am spared to render this my Annual and Quadrennial Report for your inspection and information.

I am glad to say that for four years, the Lord has blessed us wonderfully in our work in the District. The Ministers have acquitted themselves like men, and have gone into the hedges and highway and compelled men and women to come to the Gospel feast, and I assure you that the result has been both wonderful and phenomenal. When we look back on the past and compare it with the present, we are compelled to exclaim with the Royal Psalmist—"What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits?" Four years ago we were appointed to the Episcopal superintendency of the District by the Rt. Rev. Daniel Alexander Payne, D. D., LL. D., the then presiding Episcopate of the Seventh Episcopal District. We took charge in the name of that Jesus who said "While thus ye follow my command I am with you always, until the world shall end," and from that day as we have marched onward to this, we have striven to better the condition of our people in every material respect, and have built up the "waste places in Zion."

MORAL STATUS OF THE DISTRICT.

Immorality is the bane of all nations. Its penal effect can be seen in the ultimate overthrow of Babylon, Ninevah, Jerusalem, and

last, though not least, philosophic Greece and imperial Rome were dethroned from their greatness by the pressure of this mighty evil—immorality. Our people are learning that “Righteousness exalteth a nation. But sin is a reproach to any people.” We are glad to say that our people are on the upward march in this particular element of race greatness.

THE MODE OF WORSHIP.

The mode of worship by our people all over the District is very gratifying, as it tends towards a higher and more pure way of serving God. The “Handy Songsters” published by Dr. C. S. Smith, of our connectional Sunday School department, have taken the place of the “old plantation ditties,” and are very acceptable in the pews. The Ritual, or church services are being used, and have proven to be quite an acquisition as a curriculum for pulpit government.

RELIGION AND CONVERSION.

The Christian religion is being highly respected by our people. They are having the highest respect for the house of God, and feel it their duty to attend church and help in the support of the Gospel. We have had protracted revivals in several of the churches in the District, and scores of persons were converted and joined our connection. Revs. J. W. Dukes, of Ocala Station; T. T. Thompson, of the Starke Circuit, and J. J. Singleton, of Fairbanks Mission, have had great success in their revivals, as more than two hundred and fifty souls were converted on these three works.

EDUCATION.

The people all over the District have been stirred and aroused to the great need of Christian education. “Endowment Day” was observed throughout the whole District, and the results have been phenomenal and beyond the most sanguine hope or expectation. More than three hundred and thirty dollars were raised for education on “Endowment Day,” thus we have raised nearly if not one-third of the Endowment money in the State this year. Rev. John H. Dickerson, of the Hawthorn Circuit, and Rev. J. N. Clinton, of the Micanopy Station in the Gainesville District, may be called the “Endowment Day Kings” of the State, as they collected the largest

amount of money per member, \$57 from 75 members at Hawthorn and \$30 from 35 members at Micanopy.

The public school system throughout the District is in a good condition. Competent teachers are being employed, and the most advanced methods are being taught. We have visited several of the public schools since the beginning of the present scholastic term, and have labored to encourage the teachers in their work and the children in their studies.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the nursery of the church, and for that reason we have had the Sunday School organized and kept up in every Chapel in the District. We had a grand Sunday School convention last Summer. New life has been infused into the Sunday School work, and the future results will be grand. The Sunday Schools in the District are in great need of a hymnal with music, and we hope the day is not far distant when Dr. C. S. Smith, our energetic Secretary, will see the demand, and will get out a Sunday School Hymnal with music to be used both in the Sunday School and church services.

We are using all of our Sunday School supplies from our own department in Nashville, Tenn.

MARRIAGE AND BAPTISM.

We have urged upon our people the sacredness and necessity of these two sacraments. And it is gratifying to know that our young men and women are marrying honorably, getting homes for themselves and raising respectable families. The members of our church are now scorning the idea of having their children wait until they become grown so that the children may choose for themselves the mode of baptism—but they are having their children initiated into the church by baptism; thus the children are being brought into the church and presented to the Lord in their youth. We are glad to say that out of the great number of children that were presented for baptism only two were reported as having been born out of wedlock.

DEATHS.

We have had sixty-two deaths in the District this year, and very prominent to be mentioned among this number are Revs. Robert Epps,

one of the Conference Superannuates, and W. C. Hamilton, pastor of Mt. Tabor Circuit and ex-pastor of Gainesville Station. Brother Robert Epps died March, 1890. Brother W. C. Hamilton died in Gainesville June 30th, 1890. His biographic eulogy was delivered by Rev. S. H. Coleman, P. E., and he was buried with religious and Masonic ceremonies.

Happy souls thy days are ended,
All thy morning days below;
Go, may angels' voice attend thee,
Go to the mount of Jesus, go.

FINANCIAL STATUS.

The financial condition of the District is very good. Our people are still buying real estate property, building good houses, economizing in many ways, and are becoming independent.

BUILDING AND REPAIRING.

Four new and commodious chapels have been built this year with a total seating capacity of one thousand eight hundred. Three chapels have been repaired, painted and beautified.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EXHORTERS.

We have seventy-nine local preachers and twelve exhorters in the District. They were all examined at the District Conference, and were required to write essays, and discussed Biblical subjects. We are glad to say that the local preachers are improving themselves intellectually, and are very acceptable with the people and congregation where they live.

NEW WORK AND EXTENSION.

Six new Missions were organized at the District Conference last May, and local preachers were assigned to them; they have all done well, and are here with good reports.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

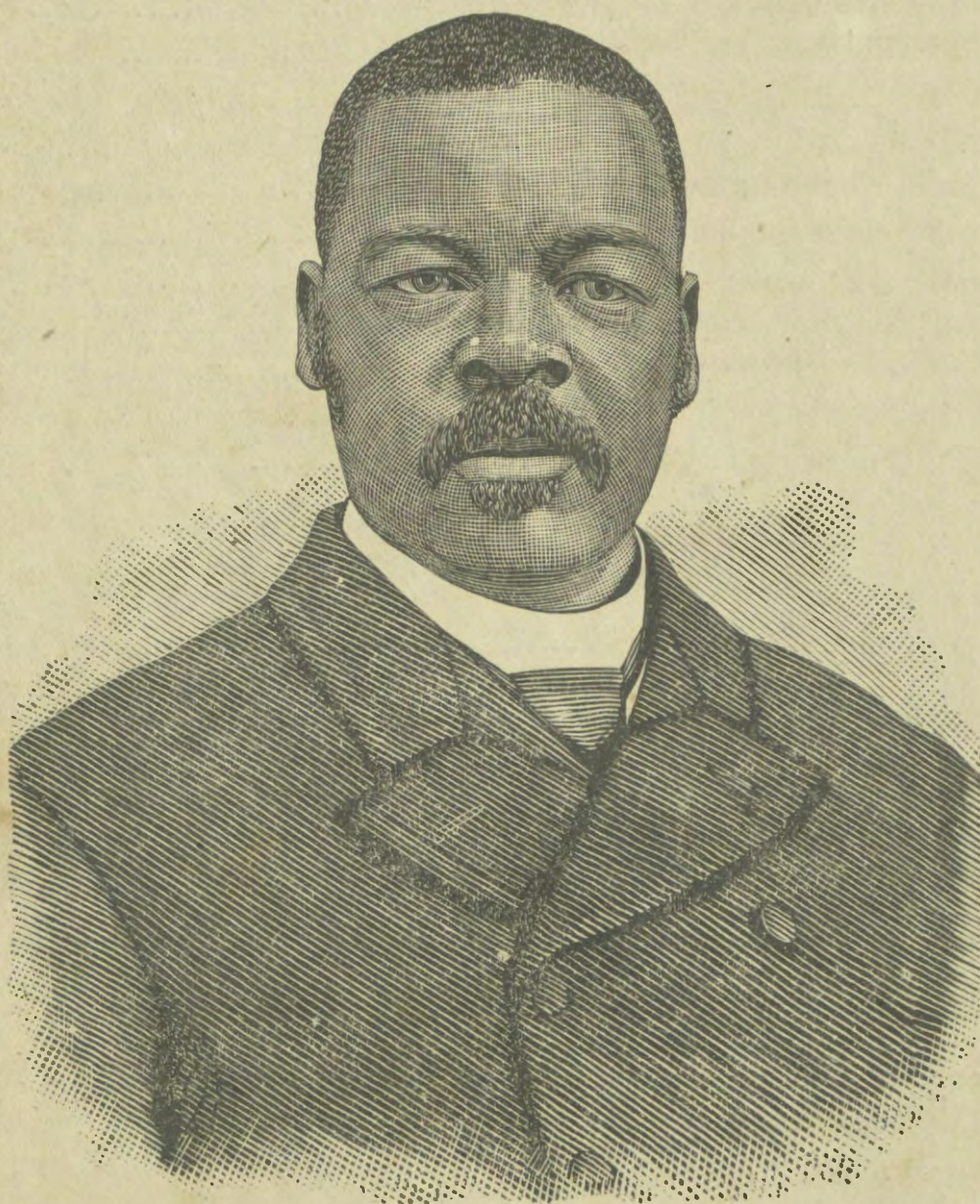
Number of conversions.....	352
Number of probationers joined the church.....	162
Number received into full membership.....	316
Grand total joined the church.....	478
Baptism, adults..	128
Infants	85

Total.....	213
Number of members dismissed by certificate	56
Number of members left without certificate.....	132
Total left with and without certificate.....	188
Marriages	43
Amount collected to pay ministers.....	\$5,709 82
Collected for building and repairs	1,927 68
For local Sunday School purposes.....	718 25
For charitable purposes.....	150 10
For local Education on "Endowment Day"	332 75
Collected to pay Presiding Elder.....	868 95
Grand Total collected for all local purposes.....	\$9,707 55
Number of churches in the District.....	52
Parsonages.....	8
Public school houses.....	85
Number of public schools for colored youths.....	162
Number of teachers employed.....	201
Number of pupils on roll	10,762
Number of Sunday Schools.....	52
Pupils	3,361
Books in the libraries	6,821

QUADRENNIAL SUMMARY.

Four years ago, when we took charge of the District, we had 14 appointments, now we have 28. The number of members have been increased from 1,280 to 2,218. We had 28 Sunday Schools, now we have 52; we built 25 new churches and repaired 6. The "Endowment Day" money has been raised from \$16.10 to \$332.75, and the "Dollar Money" from \$350 to more than one thousand dollars. The District was never in better condition than now.

Please allow me to say that no Presiding Elder or religious General has ever taken a more valiant, courageous and Christian set of men to war against sin for God than the ministers of the Gainesville District. They are one of the most loving and harmonious set of men in the whole church. Murat, one of the French Generals, said to Napoleon Bonaparte at the battle of Waterloo that the most successful General was he who could take his soldiers to battle, conquer the enemy and bring them back out of battle unconquered.



REV. M. M. MOORE.
Presiding Elder Enterprise District.

I am glad to say we have fought sin and all its concomitant of every kind for four years, and to-day I present to you my soldiers (the ministers) for inspection, uncouquered by the devil; nor have they been dethroned by the fiery tongue of the slanderer and defamer. The grand old flag of Richard Allen still floats in the Gainesville District upon the breeze, untrammelled and unconquered, and have been recognized as the grandest emblem of negro manhood upon the American Continent.

I am yours for God, the Church and the Race,

M. M. MOORE,

Presiding Elder.

ENTERPRISE DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Brethren of the Fourteenth Session of the East Florida Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the Annual Report of the Enterprise District, trusted to my superintendency at our last session, when marching orders were given. I, with the brethren of the Enterprise District, went forward to do the best we could to press forward the work of our Blessed Lord and Master. In so doing, I have tried to preach 112 sermons since our last annual conference. The brethren have all labored as best they could, each one trying to see who could make the best report, and I am pleased to say they all seem to stand fair, except Rev. R. S. Quarterman, who was charged by one Mrs. Sarah Wallis as having seduced her daughter, Mamie Wallis, for which charge he was tried and suspended. The Bishop of the District being informed, called for all the papers in the case, and after examining said papers, thought it best for the church and all parties concerned to suspend the action temporarily or until the sitting of this Annual Conference for the same to be investigated. We often speak of an educated minister; yes, we want a God called and God sent minister. Such backed up with an education, with Christ at our head, we shall conquer the world for God and His Christ

MORAL STATUS OF THE DISTRICT.

The moral condition of the District is improving, and yet there is room for improvement. This is a question that really demands our attention, and the A. M. Church on her mission, must cry aloud and spare not, that humauity may be lifted from sin unto righteousness.

RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

The mode of worship is improving among our people. Nearly every station, circuit and mission has been visited with a revival this annual year.

EDUCATION.

The people are more aroused to the cause of education than ever before, and with the carrying out of the plans now in preparation in our school controlled by the Florida and East Florida Conferences in the city of Jacksonville, we shall be able to send forth men and women of whom we shall be proud.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

We are glad to say that the Public School system of our State is in good condttion. The teachers of our Public Schools are compelled to pass rigid examinations, or they are not allowed to teach. We are glad to know that our colored pass as fair percentage as other teachers, for which we have reason to be proud.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-schools are prospering through the energy of the several Pastors and Teachers. The amount raised for Sunday-schools, \$240.50; Superintendents, 39; Teachers, 270; Pupils, 1940; Books in Library, 2950.

THE FINANCIAL STATUS.

The financial condition of the District is good. Our people are purchasing property in all parts of our country. For the time has come that a man to be respected, must have a home or property.

BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS.

Eleven new commodious chapels have been built this year, for which we have need to be proud of. The work done by the mem-

bers, led on by their pastors. It is known that no pastor can say to his members, let us build a chapel without considering that he as well as his people must sacrifice. This they have done nobly.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EXHORTERS.

We have 130 Local Preachers and Exhorters, who are required to pass examination quarterly, or be reduced to ranks.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Number of Conversions	120
Number of Probationers	300
Number of Members	1621
Total joined the Church	
Baptisms—Adults, 203; Infants, 160; total baptized	363
Marriages	83
Deaths	22
For Presiding Elders	\$ 984 45
Pastor's Support	\$ 4690 95
Building and Repairs	\$ 4863 72
Support of Sunday-schools	\$ 161 45
Charitable Purposes	\$ 344 55
Dollar Money	\$ 1156 75
Churches built this year	11
Number of Churches in the District	55
Parsonages	7
Raised for Missions	\$ 42 82
Children's Day	\$ 101 27
Endowment	\$ 129 22
Bible Cause	\$ 3 15
Contingent	\$ 8 30
Stewardesses	
Leaders	
Special Purposes	\$ 158 73
Indebtedness	\$ 2856 00
Value of Churches	\$ 27,865 00
Value of Parsonages	\$ 1,780 00
Grand Total raised in the District this year	\$ 15,480 53

Remaining yours for God and His cause,

THOS. W. LONG.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., February 21st, 1891.

To the Presiding Bishop and Members of the East Florida Annual Conference:

Grateful indeed to Almighty God that through His providence, I am permitted to submit my report for the year ending. When I received my appointment at the last Conference, my health was very poor, and I had serious doubts as to whether I would be able to discharge my duties. But relying on the strong arm of Jehovah, and knowing that—

“The work to be performed was mine,
But the strength was all His own.”

I went forward, and out of weakness was made strong. To God be the Glory. I have met all of my appointments, and visited as per discipline all of the charges in the district.

The general condition of the district is good, and we have many reasons to congratulate ourselves on the ever widening and increasing opportunities which the blessed Master is giving our church to labor in the grand work of human education and christianization. We find that other Methodistic bodies have for the first time entered many points in our district and are doing all they can to build up Christ's kingdom. While we rejoice to have them as co-laborers and warmly extend to them fraternal greetings, christian sympathy and help; yet we feel that the work of our church is distinctive, and should be to us paramount.

SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT.

Many of the brethren have conducted very successful revivals, thereby edifying—building up the believers in the most holy faith, and convincing sinners whose conviction ended in a sound conversion to the Lord Jesus. At Least 100 souls have found hope in Christ, as will be shown by the reports of the pastors.

MORAL CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT.

In spite of adverse reports, and unfair newspaper articles, we are glad to say that we, who go in and out, regularly among our people in

this South-land, can say of a truth that we are improving, and gradually rising in the scale of morality as well as intellectuality. In this district a healthy sign of our advancement morally is that immoral practices are eschewed, and immoral persons whether they form a part of the laity, or part of the clergy are cut off as soon as they are found out; and public sentiment—I mean negro public sentiment—says “amen” to their expulsion.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The district is improving financially. I hazard nothing when I say that the claims of the church have been more liberally responded to during the past year than ever before. As the people have done more for God, so God has done more for them, and many of them are building better residences, and are far more prosperous temporally. Part, and I regret that I cannot say all, of the money heretofore spent for needless pleasures such as excursions etc., is being placed in Building and Loan Associations, and other advantageous organizations.

BUILDING AND REPAIRS.

There has been only one new church built this year. That one is the new Mt. Zion in this city. It is a magnificent edifice and when completed, will be the finest church in the state. The pastor, Rev. Bro. J. H. Welch has done a grand work, and with his dear people deserve commendation. The other brethren have all to a greater, or less extent beautified their churches and paid many old debts.

EDUCATION.

While the district has not directly done as much as I urged it to do for this sacred cause, yet thank God, we have done more than we did last year. The pastors are doing all they can to interest our people in this cause, and to train them to contribute to the Divinity High School. The report of the President of that Institution will indicate how much success has attended these efforts.

The public schools in this district are in a prosperous condition. The people are day by day learning more and more of the value of these schools. It is to be regretted however that the pay of the teachers in some of our counties is so small that the services of the best

can not be secured. To the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, we are indebted for the following Statistics of Schools in our District:

Duval	County:	29	Schools,	50	Teachers,	2400	Pupils.
Putnam	"	22	"	50	"	2000	"
Clay	"	7	"	8	"	325	"
St. John's	"	6	"	6	"	406	"
Nassau	"	16	"	22	"	663	"
Baker part of c'nty		3	"	2	"	75	"

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

What is the district doing to hold our children in the church: and especially train them up in our faith and practice? We are glad that the several pastors have not overlooked, or forgotten the lambs of the fold. Nearly every chapel has a Sunday School and a tolerably fair average attendance. To stimulate this grand work we have our Sunday School Conventions every year, and the brethren who attend them, will bear me witness that our interest is heightened, our love inflamed and our zeal fired by the profitable discussions and papers which we hear. In all of our Sunday Schools our own literature is used. We have 45 Schools and 44 Superintendents, representing and controlling 3286 pupils, the rear guard of African Methodism in this district.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Infants baptized at least.....	125
Adults baptized at least.....	70
Deaths, adults.....	36
Marriages, at least.....	45
Local Preachers.....	60
Exhorters.....	30
Conversions at least....	100
Presiding Elder's traveling expenses.....	\$102.60
Presiding Elder's salary.....	861.31
Total.....	\$963.91

CONCLUSION.

There is a special feeling of love and sympathy pervading the

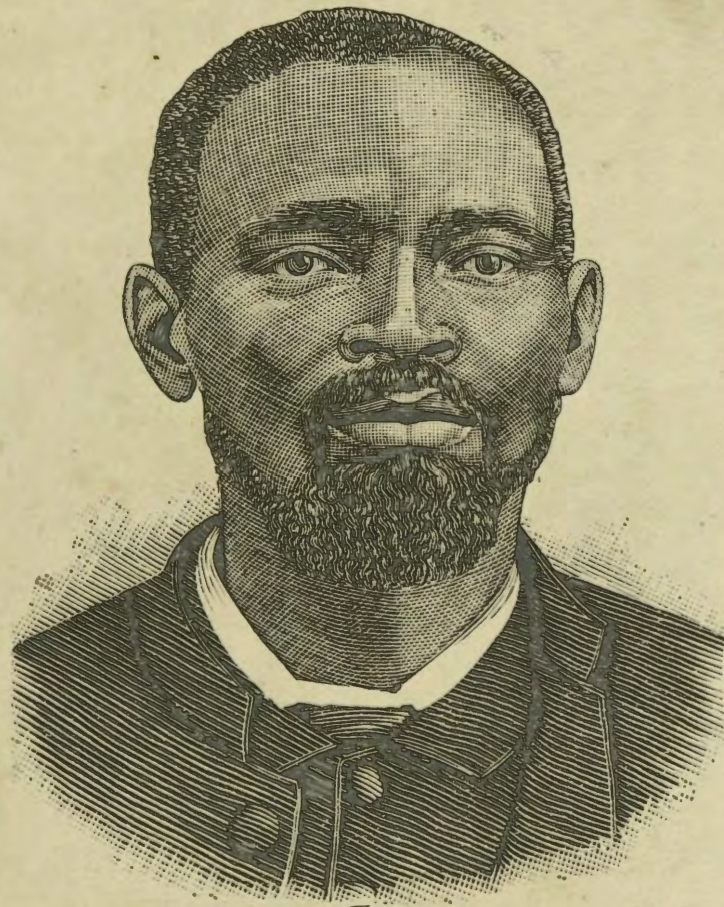
district. The people as a rule are satisfied with the ministers, and the ministers are striving to so demean themselves by their walks and works that the cause of Christ may be built up. In all the brethren, I have found a desire to do more for Jesus every succeeding year. With all of us working together for the same cause, and with God on our side the grand old church will roll on till it terminates its glorious work at the throne of God.

Yours Very Truly,

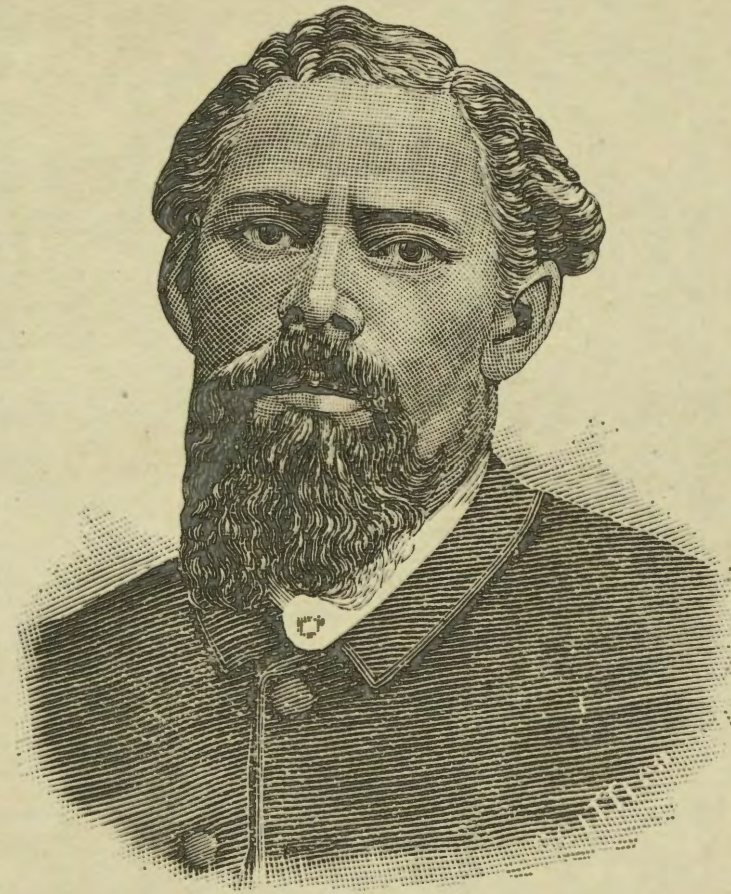
P. B. BRADDOCK,

Presiding Elder.





REV. T. W. LONG,
Presiding Elder Gainsville District.



REV. P. B. BRADDOCK,
Ex-Presiding Elder.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FIRST AND SECOND YEARS'
STUDIES.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 21, 1891.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Your Committee on First and Second Years' Studies would report as follows: We have had before us brothers A. B. Osgood, A. Scott, R. B. Brookins, J. J. Newton, H. J. Griffin, I. L. Simmons, Sanders Wilson, John Dorrell, J. H. Thomas, W. D. Certain, John Tillman, C. C. Hicks, Jesse W. Griffin, W. S. Brown, G. W. Williams of the first years class, and we recommend that they be passed to the second years' class; and brothers of the second year: H. J. Jones, M. T. Cary, J. M. Clinton, L. B. Burnett and R. H. Houston, and we recommend that, such as have not already been ordained, be ordained deacons and passed to the third year class. We would also state that we have had before us Bro. J. E. Dickerson and A. B. Cason, of the second year class to be ordained deacons and passed to the third year class, who made application to be ordained local deacons, and we recommend that they continue as local preachers for another year.

Fraternally yours, etc.,

JOSEPH E. LEE,

S. H. HADLEY,

S. A. SCOTT,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THIRD YEAR'S STUDIES.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., FEB. 21, 1891

To the Bishop and Members of the East Florida Annual Conference.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that we have had before us the following brethren: S. F. Smith, J. D. Hill, L. K. Jackson, N. J. Williams, D. L. Williams, G. J. Stafford, Walker F. Thomas, Peter Jones, A. G. Campbell, A. L. Swart, J. B. Blackwell, T. G. Haynes, M. T. B. Thomas. We have examined them and find that they have all made some progress in the studies as laid down in the book of discipline; except Brothers A. L. Smart, J. B. Blacknell, T. G. Haynes and M. T. B. Thomas, whom we recommend to continue in the 3d year's studies.

R. B. BROOKINS,
J. R. SCOTT,
S. H. COLEMAN,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION TO CONFERENCE.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., FEB. 21, 1891.

To the Bishop and Conference.

Your Committee appointed to examine applicants for admission into the Conference have done so, and would most respectfully recommend the following named persons to be admitted into the traveling connection: J. W. Jackson, F. Brill, Amos J. Bennett, Wm. M. Lumpkin, T. J. Williams, L. W. Selmore, Robert Albert, H. T. Denson, A. J. Boleen, J. H. Davis, Walter Williams, Joseph W. Weston, A. Jackson, L. C. Curtis, J. R. Blye, E. W. Larkin, S. S. Andrews, A. L. Lawrence, Anthony Stephens, R. B. Hightower Wm. McCleary, C. A. Taylor, Geo. B. Shaw, Prince Bolden, Benj. Merritt, S. T. Manning, Sumpter Thompson, J. F. Fisher, F. N. Burney, T. B. Saunders.

We would also recommend the following named persons to be ordained Local Deacons: A. Thornton, Benjamin Tidwell.

We would further beg leave to recommend that the following be continued in their studies and that the Presiding Elders have privilege to use them, viz: S. A. Harris, R. B. Bradley, Thomas Jones, L. Savage, B. J. Wideman, H. S. Shrowden, J. A. Warren, R. S. Williams, Geo. A. Archy, Jr., John Cowan, S. D. Huston, T. J. Williams, A. M. Thomas, Henry Small, H. Emmerson.

T. T. GAINES, Chairman.

J. R. ROBINSON,

J. J. SAWYER.

Committee.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 21, 1891.

To the Bishop and Conference:

To Your Honor the Judiciary Committee wishes to report:

Brother N. S. Jenkins was arraigned, charged with writing or printing a letter to Miss D. L. Lowe, of Fernandina, with a shade of imprudent conduct apparent. To the question, "Are you guilty or not guilty?" he answered, "Not guilty."

Brother Lewis was asked if he knew Brother Jenkins' handwriting. He said "Yes." The envelope was then shown him, and he said it was Brother Jenkins' handwriting.

Mr. Lewis stated that Brother Jenkins wrote him in answer to a letter of inquiry about the matter, to see the lady and try and get her to say it was not his handwriting.

The Conference gave permission to telegraph for Miss and Mr. Lowe to appear before the Committee on Monday.

As they have failed to appear we recommend that a Committee be sent to Fernandina to try the case there.

The accuser has been summoned before the Committee to-day,

but positively refused to come. As evidence of this we subjoin her reply to the Committee and most respectfully ask that the case be dismissed:

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 23, 1891.

DEAR BRETHREN :

I have appeared before the Committee once and I don't care to appear any more. What I said at first I say now, and so I haven't got any more to say.

MISS MAMIE WALLACE

Rev. S. P. Pettis was arraigned. The charge was read.

Brother Pettis acknowledged his guilt. The Committee, after hearing all that he had to say, felt justified in sustaining the finding of the Investigating Committee, and therefore recommend that he be expelled.

Yours respectfully,

JOSEPH E. LEE,
JOHN R. ROBINSON,
R. SEABROOKS,
JAMES L. GRAY,
J. J. SAWYER.
Judiciary Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb., 21., 1891

To the Bishop and Members of the Fourteenth session of the East Florida Annual Conference:

DEAR BISHOP:—Your committee that was appointed on Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following report. We have carefully examined the working of the Sunday School, and we find that it is one of great importance, and its relation to the church is that of a child to its mother.

After hearing the address of our able Secretary of the Connec-tional Sunday School Union, Rev. C. S. Smith, as to the great work

that is being done by our Sunday School work in our church, it makes us feel more determined to do more, to give force to that machine, that was christened by our worthy Bishop, to lift up fallen Humanity to a higher standard of Christian civilization, than ever before. Yes, to send it over the deep waters of the Atlantic, to the burning shores of Africa. We find that our Sunday School, under the auspices of our ministers, is using our literature more than ever before. We also find that our Sunday School, under the auspices of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, are in a prosperous and flourishing condition. We find that Children's Day is being observed all over the East Florida Conference, by the officers and members of the Sunday School. We find that the good seed of African Methodism, is being sown in the hearts and minds of our people, and is bringing our children to a better understanding of the teachings of the Son of God than ever before.

Our worthy Bishop has named it: "you must," and sir, we find that it can, it will, I do believe. We pray God's blessing on Dr. C. S. Smith and all concerned, to continue the good work that is now being done by the African Methodist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

P. G. GOWEN,
A. W. WALKER,
R. D. LEWIS.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERAMCE.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 23, 1891. }

To the Bishop and Members of the East Florida Annual Conference :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the all important and vital subject of temperance, beg to submit the following as the result of our deliberation :

Our General Conference has recorded vigorous utterances in the Book of Discipline, and our Board of Bishops have written against the vice of drinking, and the crime of trafficking in intoxicating beverages,

We have spoken annually as a Conference against these great evils, and will continue to speak, pray, and labor for their removal. We desire that our utterances shall be in full accord with the most correct and advanced temperance sentiment, and that our prayers and labors shall give efficiency to the best means for making the temperance movement triumphant. Intemperance has been, and is now, the deadly weapon of all nations. The damaging results of this giant arch-enemy of man can be followed back to Phillip of Macedone; yes, back to the subsiding of the flood, when Noah stood in the cess-pool of desecration and defied the God that made him. Intemperance is an evil. It changes money and property from one person to another without a *quid pro quo*. It inflicts a still greater injury by poisoning its victims with a vice that will eventually lead to crimes of the darkest hue. Every species of offense on the black catalogue of crime can be chased back directly, or indirectly, to intemperance. This alarming evil is as wide spread as our whole country. It may be found from the humblest water craft that floats on our canals to the majestic steam boats that plow our mighty rivers; from the lowest grogeries that curse the community up to the most fashionable hotels that claim respectability; from the hod-carrier, in his bespotted rags, to the Hon. Member of Congress. Intemperance, is like the maelstrom, its motion at the outset is scarcely perceptible, but soon increases to a fearful velocity; suddenly the awful centre is reached and the victim is lost forever in the vortex.

Intemperance is a curse. If once entrapped in its web and defiled, friends may warn, the wife may entreat with all the eloquence of tears, children may cling and cry for bread, but once in the fatal snare the victim of intemperance is seldom saved. It combines the deftness of the adder with the desperation of the maniac, and rushes on regardless of danger and reckless of the consequences. To the fashionable of our country, who take their drams as an innocent amusement, one may trace the most aggravated injuries resulting from it. It is around the wine tables at "innocent socials" where young men of talent and education take the degree of an entered apprentice in the lodge of sin and misery, degredation and destruction. Intemperance assumes a great variety of forms. It doesn't only demand of its victims the last cent for a glass of beer or a sip of whiskey, but it demands an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. It calls for the

whole pig, and desires to settle its accounts by the rule of geometrical progression. The man who indulges in this unholy propensity is liable to dethrone reason, insult justice, thwart the designs of creation, and deprives himself of the endearing consolation of that love which is the crowning attribute of the great Jehovah, and violates the heavenly injunctions of the Immaculate Redeemer. Intemperance has done more to disgrace the nations of the earth than any one other evil known. Let us enumerate some of the evils of this hydra-headed monster. It accumulates troubles, increases vexation, wastes energy, torments jealousy, loses friendship, increases animosities, dismembers families, distracts churches, protracts fights, riots, mobs, wars, law suits, and often nations have sunk in the awful vortex at the terminal depot of this destroying monster. The bane of the American people is intemperance. The church is arrayed against this mighty evil. It is a war between God and the devil, and as representatives of God and His Christ, as exponents of the Christian religion and leaders of the Afro-Americans we must take a decided stand against this great enemy of the human family—intemperance.

Your Committee is glad to say that in every campaign that has been carried on against the whiskey traffic in this State, our ministers have willingly put themselves on the side of justice and morality and have carried the country "dry." Thus we have gained the highest respect for our church among the best class of people in this State.

Your Committee would recommend that every fifth Sabbath in the year be known and dominated as temperance Sabbaths, and the presiding elders and ministers be required to preach temperance sermons on those days, and the children in our Sunday Schools write temperance essays, to be read on those days.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. M. MOORE, Chairman;
S. H. COLEMAN,
J. L. GRAY,
T. T. THOMPSON.



REV. J. H. WELCH, D. D.,
Presiding Elder Jacksonville District.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 21, 1891.

To the Bishop and Conference:

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN:—We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report for your inspection and adoption. The importance of the subject given us for consideration is well known to this intelligent body of Christian brethren, therefore a lengthy paper on the topic, per secretary, is not necessary, but things practical must suffice. Education is said to be the corner-stone of state and the safe-guard of free institutions, and this being true we catch some idea of its intrinsic value and see the absolute necessity of being in possession of this important essential, without which we are weak.

We are living in a growing and progressive age, an age of schools, discoveries and scientific researches, and in order to keep abreast the times, meet the demands of the age, and make ourselves felt as ministers, and as a Church, attention must be given to intellectual cultivation; the heart must be trained in order to make us good christians, the hands that we may be skillful workmen, and so also must the mind be trained and disciplined in order to make us more useful, powerful, and more successful in our sphere and the varied fields of our operations.

As a Church we should stand as a unit on the educational question and concentrate our moral, intellectual and financial forces to push this branch of our work to a great and grand consummation. We are within the range of a reasonable statement when we say that as a denomination we are numerically stronger than any other body of Afro-American Christians in this country, and our greatest and chief desire should be to have our educational strength compare favorably with our numerical strength. The time has come for us to give as much attention to the intellectual training of our people as we do to their moral and religious growth.

As a growing and thoughtful ministry we ought to make it among our first and most pleasant duties to encourage and foster institutions of learning in our own church, where we can send our own children

and have them trained for higher and greater usefulness. To establish and sustain denominational institutions ought to be with us a matter of fact, and not be content with making fine conference speeches and recommendations. If all cannot do the equal of the other, let all try to do something, and if we have no other legacy to bequeath our children, we can leave them institutions of learning founded and fostered by our untiring christian efforts, and when we are gone they will be monuments to our christian genius and our devotion to the elevation and progress of the race.

But we are pleased to note that the African Methodist Episcopal Church has long since clothed herself with spirit and disposition to build and to maintain institutions for the higher education. In Ohio we have our well known and much beloved Wilberforce, which has done a grand work and has sent scores of young men and young women from her classic halls to make the world better wherever they touched it.

We have Allen University with six hundred students anxiously seeking education. We have our Paul Quinn in Waco, Texas, doing effective work, and Morris Brown in Atlanta, and last but by no means least, our Divinity High School here in Jacksonville, and numbers of others. These schools have been founded by the fathers, the outgrowth of love to God and humanity, the result of patience, labor, sacrifice and devotion. Much has been done by others to assist us, but we are up now and are making strenuous efforts to help ourselves, and we are doing well and are rising gradually. Besides our own schools which we are operating so effectively in this Southland, there are Clark, Fisk, Atlanta and Claflin Universities, and the great and grand schools at Hampton, Va., and Tuskegee, Ala., founded for the intellectual and industrial advancement of the race. With these grand schools and hosts of willing friends behind them, may we not look for better and brighter days. May we not pierce the clouds that seem to overhang us now, and see a future full of hope and bright with promise? We quote the following from our last Annual Report rendered at the last session :

“Since 1862 there has been given for the education of our people in the South, through the American Missionary Society, \$1,000,000; through the Methodist Episcopal Society, \$2,250,000; through

the Baptist Society, \$2,000,000; through the Presbyterian Society, \$1,600,000; and not less than \$10,000,000 from other sources: in all about \$17,000,000 from the North."

The Secretary of Education, Dr. Johnson, says our church has given \$45,000. The good brethren of this conference seem to be full of the spirit of this grand work, and there is no better proof of that fact than what has been done in the past. Last Endowment day we raised right here on the home ground over \$800 for education, and for this you deserve the greatest praise and the highest congratulation.

Having done so well in the past, let us lay hold upon our resources and the present possibilities and determine to do more and better work in the future.

With regard to our local educational interest, it is the most earnest desire of your committee, that the ministers of the East Florida Annual Conference realize the importance and scope of the work we have taken in hand. The Divinity High School is growing and the growth is gradual and permanent, and with this come greater demands.

An increase in attendance necessitates an increase in the faculty, and this calls for more money, that the work may go on without embarrassment.

In order to make our Divinity High School a success, and put it upon a permanent working basis we ought to lend all our energies not only to raise means, but to get students to attend our institution of learning.

We would recommend that the brethren bring our school interest promptly before our people and show them in the future as they have in the past, the necessity of sustaining it.

We recommend further that a day be fixed upon for another May Day rally, and our aim be to raise \$1,000.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

J. H. WELCH, Chairman.

JOSEPH E. LEE.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 23, 1891.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Your Committee on Circuits and Stations beg leave to make the following report:

First, we recommend that the following changes be made on the

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.

1. Pomona, Satsuma, Norwalk and Drayton Island, to be known as the Satsuma Mission.
2. That Buffalo Bluff be attached to South Jacksonville Mission.
3. That President City be attached to San Mateo Mission.
4. Crescent City to be known as Crescent City Station.
5. Orange Dale and Tacoí, be attached to Picolata, and be known as Picolata Mission.
6. Sweetwater to Clarksville Mission.

ENTERPRISE DISTRICT.

1. Oaklong Church to be attached to Brooksville.
2. Bushnell, Webster and Center Hill, be known as Webster Circuit.
3. Boston Circuit to include Boston and Ft. Mead, and to be known as Boston Circuit.
4. Lakeland, Plant City and Dade City, be known as Lakeland Mission.
5. Mt. Clare, Frontland Park and Cherry Lake, to be known as Frontland Mission.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

1. Lake Butler to be attached to Hopewell, and be known as the Hopewell Mission.
2. Asberry Church to be detached from Hopewell Circuit, and be known as the Asberry and Jones School House Mission.

3. Hawthorne to be separated from Interlachine, and be joined to Rochell and Wensor, and be known as the Hawthorne Circuit.
4. Interlachine to be attached to Orange Spring Mission.
5. Bronson to be taken from Cedar Keys Circuit, and be attached to Lewysville, and be known as the Bronson Mission.

S. H. COLEMAN,
M. M. MOORE,
P. B. BRADDOCK,
T. W. LONG.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 23, 1891.

To the Bishop and Members of the East Florida Annual Conference :

Since we have assembled last in annual session the pale horse and its rider has again visited our midst and taken from our ranks two active traveling Christians, one local deacon, one general officer, and one of the members of the faculty of our Edward Waters' College. Brother Delaney, a local deacon in our church at Fernandina departed this life Aug. 7, 1890. He was one of our old deacons, who labored faithfully in the church in which he was a member, and it is said by those who have pastored our church at Fernandina that Brother Delaney was a staunch African Methodist and had a home with open doors to all ministers of the Lord Jesus, and especially for those of the church of his choice. He was a rock cleft to take in the poor minister of God, and a shelter for them during the time of storms, when prosecuting their mission.

Brother Robert Epps, of the Gainesville District, was one of the old pioneer workers of the Conference, one of those faithful few, who buckled on his sword, mounted the Gospel house, traversed the woodlands of Florida, planted the banner of the Lord Jesus in many places, where it now floats unfurled to the breeze. One of the things remarkable about that old hero was, amid all his ailments—old age and deficiencies, as many thought—he never laid aside his weapons nor quit the field. He stood always awaiting the orders of the general, and when called, like the prophet of old, answered, saying: "Here

am I, send me." This gallant old soldier fell at his post of duty last March, with the voice of the Master saying:

" Servant of God well done,
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

The last, but not the least, torn from our warm embrace was the Rev. William Charles Hamilton, the brother who so nobly entertained the last session of this Conference at Gainesville. Brother Hamilton was an active minister and a very successful pastor. He was one of those who never failed at his charge, but would achieve success to some extent at all hazards. During his short ministerial career he brought many souls to God, allying them to the Christian church. He was cut down in the very prime of life. Whom of us thought, on our eve of parting last February, that Brother Hamilton's end was so near? But, alas! the death angel has done its destructive work. He is missing; our loss is his eternal gain.

Rev. Simon Boggs, one of the oldest ministers of the East Florida Annual Conference, died Oct. 9th, at Wellbourn, Fla. He was confined to his bed one month. Ten months before he died he said he heard the heavenly choir singing with him every night till his death. He died in the full triumph of faith and tried to preach on his death-bed.

And yet the death angel rides. Since many of us have left our homes to meet this Conference death met one of our brightest lights on his way here, in Mobile, Ala., Dr. M. E. Bryant, the editor of the *Southern Christian Recorder*, and summoned him on high. The church loses in him one of its ablest heroes, a Christian, a scholar, a strong advocate of the rights of his people; but heaven gains a shining light, a redeemed soul. In the midst of life we are in death. Since our arrival in this city to convene our conference the King of Terror stepped quietly in and took away from the faculty of our college our beloved musical director, Sister Helen Douglass Handy, whose spotless character and pure life stands out worthy to be imitated by all. She leaves a host of warm friends in this city and the city of Washington, D. C., to mourn her absence.

While these have passed away to join the blood-washed company of God they leave us to think—

“ Once they were mourners here below,
And poured out cries and tears ;
They wrestled hard, as we do now,
With sin, and doubts, and fears.
Now, ask them whence their victory came—
They, with united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to His death.”

RESOLUTIONS ON THE LATE MISS HELEN D. HANDY.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from this world Miss Helen D. Handy, late Musical Instructress in the Edward Waters' College of this city; therefore,

Resolved, That the East Florida Annual Conference hereby place upon record its high appreciation of her beautiful Christian character and useful life.

Resolved, Further, that the Conference hereby tenders its sympathy to the faculty and students of Edward Waters' College in the loss of such a valuable and loving teacher and friend, as Miss Handy ever proved herself to be. Also,

Resolved, That we hereby extend our deepest sympathy to the sorrowing father, the Rev. James A. Handy, D. D., Financial Secretary, and other members of the stricken family, and commend them to the tender mercies of that Gracious Father whose delight is to comfort His afflicted. Also,

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Rev. Dr. Handy by the Secretary of the Conference, and the Committee on Memoirs be requested to arrange suitable exercises with reference to the late Miss Handy, to be carried out some time during this session of Conference in connection with the others.

Respectfully,

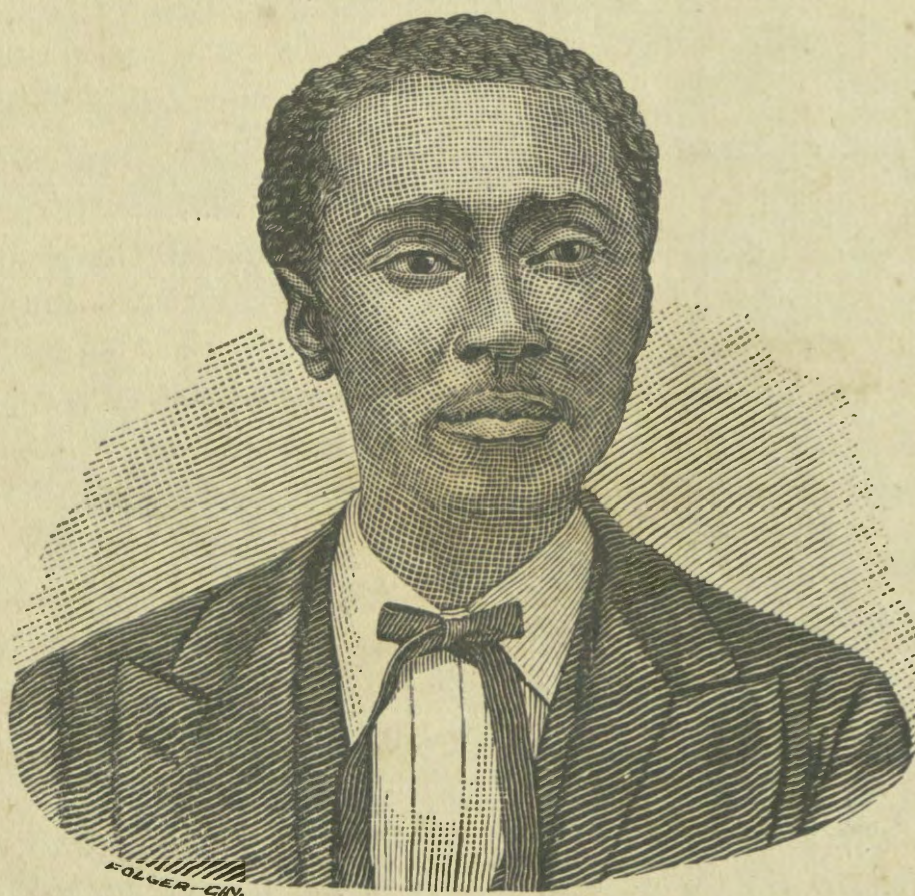
J. R. SCOTT.

Resolved, That the Conference implore heaven's benediction upon the bereaved family and friends.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. WELCH,
J. A. QUARTERMAN,
S. T. TICE.

Committee.



REV. J. E. LEE.

Collector of the Port, Jacksonville, Fla.

DOLLAR MONEY REPORT.

Total percentage of Dollar Money, \$1,965 co.

The Committee recommend the following appropriations:

FOR WIDOWS.

Phillis Young.....	\$ 15 00
Eliza Sims.....	15 00
Eliza Crooms.	15 00
Mrs. Fort.....	15 00
Virginia Hamilton.....	15 00
Jane Epps.....	15 00
Nancy King, on last year, \$15.00.....	15 00
Mary C. Scott.....	15 00
Mrs. W. W. Sampson.....	15 00
“ C. H. Pierce.....	15 00
“ N. P. Ross.....	15 00
“ Eliza Higgenbotham.....	15 00
“ Mary Andrews.....	15 00
“ Mary Wilson.....	15 00
“ Samuel Jackson.....	15 00
Total.....	\$ 255 00

SUPERANUATED PREACHERS.

Rev. Samuel Morgan.....	\$ 40 00
“ Richard Brigadier.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 80 00
Bishop's contingent.....	\$ 15 00
“ Traveling expenses to Florida and return.....	65 00
Credentials	10 00
To Rev. R. E. Wall, for Episcopal residence.....	75 00
Total.....	\$ 165 00

For Trustees expenses to Wilberforce and return.....	\$ 50 00
D. W. Gillislee on account as Secretary.....	\$ 5 00
On Quarter Centenary, Cuts of Ministers, etc.....	\$ 150 00
Loan to Contingent Committee.....	\$ 129 63
To Edward Waters College.....	\$ 1,000 00
Fencing Mrs. Bishop Brown's Grove.....	\$ 20 00
Bishop Grant and wife, traveling expenses.....	\$ 75 00
Ballance on hand.....	\$ 55 00

M. M. MOORE,
Secretary.

D. W. LONG,
S. H. COLEMAN,
P. B. BRADDOCK.
Committee.

REPORT OF DOLLAR MONEY COMMITTEE.

District.	Members.	Dollar Money.	Am't. per Member.
Live Oak.....	2660	\$1,013 20	38 $\frac{12}{133}$
Gainesville....	1987	1,126 65	56 $\frac{1393}{1987}$
Enterprise.....	1621	1,156 75	71 $\frac{584}{1621}$
Jacksonville ...	3038	1,617 50	53 $\frac{736}{3038}$
Total.....	9306	\$4,914 10	

60 per cent.....	\$2,948 46
40 per cent.....	\$1,965 64

• J. W. DUKES,
Secretary.

P. G. GOWEN,
Chairman.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 21st, 1891.

BISHOP AND MEMBERS:—We, your committee, appointed to examine candidates in the fourth year class, beg to submit our report.

We had before us Rev's. J. L. Moore, J. S. Coleman and Charles Smith, and examined them in the course as per discipline. We found Bros. J. L. Moore and Charles Smith, pretty well informed, and gave fair answers to the questions propounded, and we recommend that they be ordained elders. Rev. J. S. Coleman stated that he did have

the books laid down in the course, and was not prepared for the examination. We therefore recommend that he remain in the fourth year class another year.

Yours,

J. H. WELCH, Chair.

B. W. WILEY,

A. BROWN.

ENDOWMENT DAY MONEY REPORT.

(This is all of the Report the Committe handed to the Secretary.)

To the Bishop and Conference :

We your Committee on Endowment Day and Children's Day money, beg leave to submit our report of receipts as follows:

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.

Rev. John R. Robinson.....	\$27 45
Rev. J. L. Moore	10 40
Rev. C. C. Hix.....	35
Rev. John R. Roseman.....	1 00
Mt. Zion Sunday School.....	45
Total.....	\$39 65

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

Rev. A. Jones.....	\$ 1 00
Rev. L. Johnson.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 2 00

LIVE OAK DISTRICT.

West Form Sunday School.....	\$ 50
H. F. Chisholm	10 00
J. H. Spears.....	10 00
Calvan Daniel.....	2 90
J. B. Blacknell.....	1 00
J. L. Simmons.....	25
Henry Henry.....	5 00
Total.....	\$29 65

ENTERPRISE DISTRICT.

D. W. Gillislee.....	\$28 00
A. A. Fleming.....	5 00
J. A. Quarterman.....	2 00
John Speight.....	5 00
T. T. Williams.....	1 00
H. H. Hawkins.....	1 00
A. Brown.....	3 00
B. W. Willis.....	8 45
Total	\$53 45

A. THOMPSON,
M. A. STERKS,
J. H. DICKERSON.

Committee.

REPORT FOR THE BAHAMA DISTRICT.

REV. DR. N. B. STEWART, P. E.

NASSAU, N. P.

Members.....	80
Sunday Schools.....	1
Day Schools.....	1
Scholars.....	110

Church property none.

Preachers—Revs. D. L. D. Kerr and Isaac Adams.

SAN SALVADOR ISLAND.

Members.....	30
Sunday Schools.....	1
Church property.....	1
Valuation.....	\$1,000

Preachers—Revs. Collin Poitere and Uriah Newbold.

ANDROS ISLAND.

Members.....	25
Sunday Schools.....	1

Church property none.

Preacher—Rev. Alexander Leathen.

Baptisms, 7; deaths, 4; marriages, 1.

Amount of money received from Missions and Women's Mite Society, \$145.46.

Building purposes, \$58.46.

Traveling expenses for Rev. Dr. N. B. Stewart, \$32.00.

Support for Elder N. B. Stewart, \$55.00.

With regard to Dollar Money, the people of that country are not trained to pay any as yet, owing to this, that they have not been accustomed to support the ministers from Europe, as the latter are subsidized from their Missionary Board of aforesaid place. They are willing to do what lies in their power, and are loyal to the rules of our Church, and with strict attention to the Dollar Money without doubt when the work be fully established in their midst, they will be willing to pay their assessment.

Their cry is, help us with ministers and money, and by and by you will see the utility of your seed sown in our midst.

TRAVELING MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 23, 1891.

To the Presiding Bishop and Members of the East Florida Annual Conference:

I, your servant that was appointed as Traveling Missionary of East Florida Annual Conference, beg leave to make the following report. I have traveled at large over the four districts, preaching the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour as best I could. I am sorry that I have not been able to do more than I have for the advancement of our Redeemer's kingdom and for the up-lifting of humanity. I have preached about one hundred and twenty-five sermons. I have received for my support from this Conference the sum of one hundred dollars. I ask the prayers of the bishop and conference.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. WILLIAMS.

SPEECHES DELIVERED DURING CONFERENCE.

DR. C. S. SMITH.

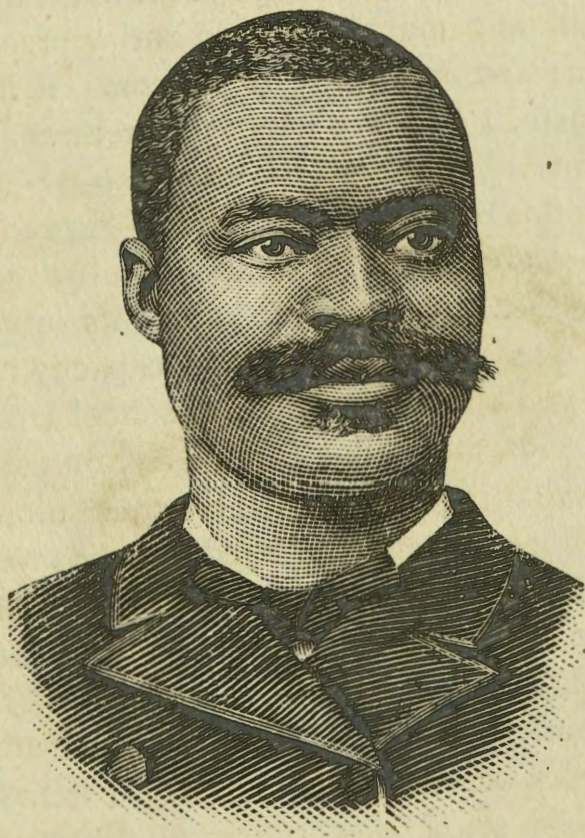
Bishop Arnett introduced Bro. Smith as follows :

BRETHREN: I take great pleasure in introducing to you Dr. C. S. Smith, Secretary of our Sunday-school Union. Bishop Payne is the president of that organization that is doing so much to furnish literature for our children. Dr. Smith is the Secretary of the Board, and I take great pleasure in presenting him to you.

Dr. Smith addressed the conference as follows :

BISHOP AND BRETHREN OF THE EAST FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:—It affords me great pleasure to be in your midst this morning once more, after an absence of about six years; and while I appreciate the privilege granted to me by your Bishop to speak to you, yet I must be mindful of the fact that when I left home, my physician very earnestly cautioned me to be as quiet as possible, and to take as little exercise as possible, other than what is beneficial for me at this time. I came here to get the benefit of the warm exhilarating influence of Florida's far-famed climate. I came here to look upon your faces once more—to renew acquaintances and friendships—to take your hand and to extend to you and to receive from you that greeting which belongs to our calling as servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. I remember this morning with grateful feelings, as I stand before you, that in the early days of the history of the Sunday-school Union, when it needed friends—when the waves of opposition were lashing fiercely and violently around the foundation which had just been laid, there was no conference that in the whole connection that stood more nobly and more faithfully by the Sunday-school Union, in its infancy, than did the conference that I am now addressing. Though I have been ab-

sent from you for six years, I have not forgotten that when Children's Day would approach, five or six years ago, I always had this conference in my mind; and I was but little anxious about the result, because of your fidelity and your interest in the cause which is represented by your Sunday-school Union that was tested on the very first Children's Day that was held in the history of our church. And from that time until this, you have shown an interest in our cause, which has begotten not only my high regard and appreciation for you, but my christian love; and in the years to come, if it please God to let me live on the earth, I shall not forget the brethren of the East Florida Annual Conference. Since I last met with you, there have been many changes in this Sunday-school Union—many improvements and many additions—a great increase in its prosperity and in the interests which it represents—a large outspreading of its influence and an encouraging growth in its power and in its capacity for good. Since I last met you, as you know, your Sunday-school Union has come into possession of a handsome business property, on the public square, in the city of Nashville, Tenn. On that great thoroughfare are the millionaire merchants of the city engaged in their several pursuits. Our building is located within a few doors of the publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Your Sunday-school Union owns the most centrally located and the handsomest piece of business property ever owned by our people in America. (Loud applause). It is a magnificent five-story building, including the basement, with a handsomely finished solid stone front, running back to a depth of a 112 feet. In that building you have located all the plans, machinery and materials necessary to enable you to do any kind and any class of printing that you may desire to have done. In the basement is located the engine and boiler and the main shaft. That engine also came in for a share of the ceremonies. It was christened after the dedication of the building. The building was dedicated on Sunday, two years ago last March, with exceedingly interesting and highly appropriate ceremonies. On Monday we repaired to the basement and called upon the presiding officer of this Conference to christen the engine. He christened that engine "You Must." That is the name. (Laughter and applause.) Well, now, on last year we asked you to raise for your Sunday School Union \$7,000 on Children's Day. The gentleman who christened that engine suggested to me that he thought it



REV. J. W. DUKES,
Sup't of the Educational Assembly at Turner City, Fla.

would heighten the interest of Children's Day if I would insert the program for that day in the lesson papers as well as distribute it in a separate issue; and so last year I acted upon his suggestion. And when we got our Sunday School publications ready, wrapped and addressed for the mail sacks they were delivered to the express wagon to be carried to the post-office, to be sent broadcast all over this land, to every State and portions of Canada, and even to far off Africa; and as the express wagon rolled away, and the sound of the turning wheels were heard in the engine room, the engine took up the cry "you must bring back seven thousand dollars." And from that time until Children's Day the engine went on, making 120 revolutions a minute, and each one saying, "You must," "you must," "you must." (Dr. Smith in uttering the words "you must," imitated a steam engine so perfectly that the Conference and the congregation were convulsed with laughter, which was followed with long continued applause.) Lo and behold, not only did you bring back \$7,000 on last Children's Day, but you brought back \$7,400—seven thousand four hundred dollars—representing the pennies brought into the Sunday Schools and laid upon the table by the children of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and of that seven thousand four hundred dollars eighteen dollars and thirty-five cents come from African Methodist children in Africa. (Loud applause). Brother Frederick, that zealous man of God and our faithful and courageous missionary at Sierra Leone, West Africa, sent from his school as a gift of native African children, on African soil, \$18.35 to help pay for the African Methodist building in Nashville, Tenn. What a wonderful providence that, through this Union, our church has been put directly in communication with our Fatherland! Not only did they send us Children's Day money, but for the past two years we have been sending to that school, not as a gift, our literature. They have not asked us for charity; but year before last, as this year, at the beginning of the year, Brother Frederick sent us a draft sufficient to cover the cost of the literature, enough to supply his school for the year. They are certainly rising up with a proper spirit in Fatherland, not stretching forth their hands here as beggars, not asking us for help, but sending us money to help us, so to speak, as represented in the eighteen dollars and thirty-five cents, which came to you as a realization of the fact that Africa in Africa and Africa in America

are at last permitted to clasp hands. Who knows where the influence will stop, or how far will it go? I believe in God. I believe in His infinite wisdom. I believe in providences, general and special. I believe that God is the father of all mankind, and that as judge of all the earth He will do right by all his creatures. I cannot tell why God lead me to plant our Sunday School Union, taking it from the great West, down in Nashville, a kind of gateway to the South. I cannot tell why God blessed us so as to get into possession of that piece of property. I cannot tell why he sent me to the International Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1884, nor why he sent two men from Tennessee who were among the delegates to that Sunday School Convention, real estate agents in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, who heard me speak on the floor of that Convention, who became favorably impressed with me, who afterwards turned out to be the very men through whom we secured that property in Nashville. I cannot tell how we formed all these links and made a chain out of that living influence. I cannot tell, but I will say this: I do not believe that the white man is to have everything in this world; while I know that he is master of the situation to-day—while I know that he leads and controls all the influences that move the world in literature, in art and science and so forth—while I know that he is the distributive force—while I know that he is ready to go to battle against all races of the world, yet there are some natural boundaries which God seems to have erected in some portions of the earth, when he gets ready he will form forces out of the native materials, controlling in those regions where he may evolve forces of sufficient grasp that will be able to say to the white man: thus far shalt thou go and no further, and the waves of thy proud ambition shalt be stayed. I believe that land is Africa. (Great applause.)

God has blessed us in another direction. We are running off on our press now 102,600 quarterlies, getting ready to send out by the first quarter, which are not quite all ours. All but 2,000 are ours.

A voice. (Do you mean to say that you are running off quarterlies for anybody else?)

DR. SMITH—That is just what I mean to say. In reference to

the Zion church, and I speak of that church with great respect; we are running off on our press, in addition to the 97,000 that we shall use for ourselves, some 72,000 for the Zion church. For years the fathers on both sides, in these great churches have been trying to get a common ground on which they can stand and unite, and they have failed to do it. God, through your Sunday School Union, has brought these two churches closer, through the children than through every other effort. Not only are we printing their Quarterlies, but Bishop Harris recently visited our place of business at Nashville; and in looking around, he was so well pleased that he sent us the minutes of two of his conferences to publish. I have since received a card from him saying: "I have got another lot of minutes to send you." We can only become great in this world as we become united. It is a great blessing that God has conferred upon you, my brethren, and the church that you represent, to bring about these encouraging results. In five years you have accumulated twenty-five thousand of property. That is what your property of the Sunday School Union is worth to-day. The children of the church have accumulated five times as much property as our fathers have been permitted to accumulate somewhere else. Now that is not all. We are there to stay. It would not be an easy matter to dispossess ourselves, because we are fixed there unless some General Conference of ours should be seized with a sudden fit of insanity. I put it in the deed that that property can never be sold or mortgaged without a direct vote of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church. If we should be offered a hundred thousand dollars for it, it cannot be sold without the highest authority of our church. That is the way that I think the general church property should be fixed; so I had it fixed that way, and the General Conference cannot undo it, without going through a long and tedious process.

Now, my brethren, one thing more in relation to next Children's Day; and yet before I refer to that, I think I ought to mention this: that God has raised up your Sunday School Union not only to furnish Quarterlies and Lesson papers, but to some extent to publish books. When I left home, it was in a hurry, and therefore there were some things that I intended to bring with me, which I forgot. I did not intend to leave home until Tuesday night, the 17th inst., but after re-

ceiving the telegram that Dr. Bryant was dead, and being requested by his wife to attend his funeral, I made haste to depart on Monday night; and hence I came away a day earlier than I expected.

I only wish I had to show to this congregation the first book ever printed by a publishing house owned by colored people in the history of the world. Now remember that this is a large, broad, far-reaching statement. I only regret that I have not with me a copy. Some of you have seen it already, and all of you have heard of the publication of that interesting book, called "Poor Ben." Everything about that book except the binding, as we sometimes say, is black. It is the first book ever written by a colored lady in America of its kind. I say this to encourage the ladies present. Every line was written by her. Every line of type was set up by colored printers. Every' em of that type belongs to the Sunday School Union, and it was run off on a press of motive power owned by you; gathered and folded by the hands of colored young women. Then to follow that is to come that book for which the church has been looking for forty years—its history. In 1848 the General Conference made provision for made provision for writing the history of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1856 that history was about ready for publication. From 1856 down to 1888, the church has been devising some means to have that book published, but all efforts failed. I have heard unfavorable criticisms and expressions of complaint about the long delay in having that book published. I have no expressions of complaint. I will tell you why that history has not been published before. If that history had been published before this time it would have been published by white men. God who blest the fathers of our great church has raised up their sons whose leadership we enjoy to-day; and as the fathers made the deeds which will constitute that history, He delayed it until he raised up their children to publish it. And so their children, through their publishing house in Nashville, has that history in hand; and I brought with me to its venerable author, Bishop Payne, the preface and contents in print. That publication will contain over 600 large printed pages. Every line of that book will be set up in the publishing house at Nashville. All the work on that book except the binding, will be done there. It is my hope and my prayer, by the time there is another book ready to be published, we shall have all the facilities necessary to do the binding, so as to

have a complete publishing house, just to keep these little fragments in hand.

In our success I see the wonderful goodness of God toward us. May I not inquire for a moment, why has God wrought all this in our favor? Have we done anything to merit it? I think so. I think our fathers did something. I think every generation following has done something and is still doing something to merit, at least, the measure of the favor and the blessings of Almighty God. Our fathers went out to found a church wherein they might have perfect freedom of worship. The Jews, the Israelites, caught on to the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God. No wonder, because they were brought up under theocracy. When Judaism was destroyed—when it was supplanted by Christianity, among most of its followers, what we call the Caucasian race, that race caught on not only to the Fatherhood of God, but to the doctrine of Christ who is our Redeemer.

We are told that Noah had three sons—Shem, Ham and Japhet. They say that Shem is the head of the Israelites, Japhet of the Caucasian race, and Ham of the African race. Shem caught on to the Fatherhood of God; Japhet caught on to the idea that Christ is our Redeemer, but where was the third brother? It was a trinity of men, a trinity of brothers. Where was the third brother, and what was he doing? If understood, he was thrust into the background until that day, when God raised up in the city of Philadelphia, where Independence bell rung out liberty to the American people, where God raised up the humble Richard Allen, who started forth not only preaching that God is our Father, Christ is our Redeemer, but that third and equally essential principle—the brotherhood of man. And until that trinity of principles becomes the ruling force in the religion of the world, until it shall permeate the spiritual life which Christ intended should dwell upon the earth, that each might be linked to the spiritual life, the mission of the Christian Church will not be fulfilled, and the mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will not be ended. (Loud continued cheering). My friends and brethren, I see nothing unreasonable about this, as there is nothing unscriptural. Christ said, "And all ye are brethren." We may loose this and that point here so far as religious things are concerned; but let it be understood that so far as the African Methodist Church is concerned—so far as our sister colored Methodist Churches is con-

cerned—so far as the colored Christian communicants in the Baptist Church, that whatever we may surrender for the sake of peace, perhaps; and so far whatever we may surrender in this life, there is one thing we never intend to surrender—that we never will surrender, not at the behest of men nor at the command of devils, and that is our right to fellowship with Jesus Christ, through his grace through his love and mercy, in that perfectness and fullness which all other saints enjoy, whether white, black, blue, red or grizzly gray, it matters not of what complexion, to a place around the blood-washed throne. May God bless my brethren forever and forever.

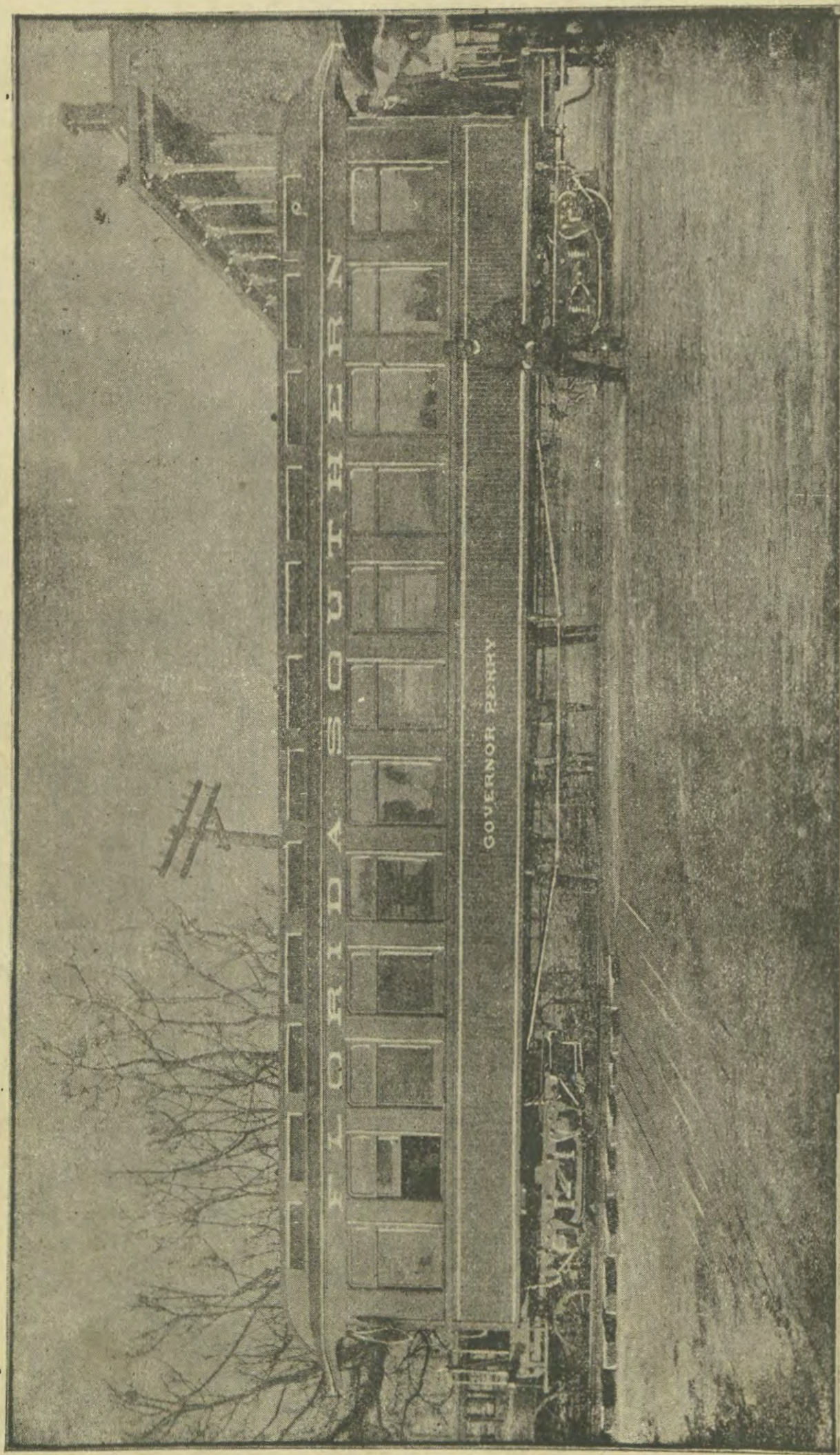
Dr. Smith's speech throughout was greeted with numerous outbursts of applause, and he concluded amid a storm of prolonged cheering.

BISHOP H. M. TURNER, D. D.

BISHOP AND MEMBERS OF THE EAST FLORIDA CONFERENCE:—

I very pleasurably appear before you this morning. I gratefully accept the complimentary introduction. I am glad to see you in conference session, moving along harmoniously and progressively, and I also trust for the Redeemer's kingdom. I arrived here yesterday, and I have heard several compliments paid to your reports, and to the harmony with which your conference has been proceeding. I am pleased that the work assigned to me in the first Episcopal District is advancing, and I think, progressively. Certainly there is a spiritual influence at work; revivals have been conducted in all parts; and indeed, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, from what I can learn from all sections, is in a progressive condition, or in a hopeful mood. The Bishops of our church, or a majority of them, met last Summer at Wilberforce. I presume that Bishop Arnett has told you about our resolution to have a million of members added to our church register; and I thank God that that the prospect is hopeful. It is well known that we have about half a million members; and we could just as easily have a million if we would only labor for them. There is a pernicious theory set afloat in our church that we want quality and not quantity. We want quantity to make quality out of them. I despise that doctrine. We want men and women to rally around the standard—paying

homage to truth, and to become imbued with the spirit of Almighty God that purifies, only as the qualification is given us by the Lord Jesus. Inasmuch as God alone can deal with the heart, and we deal with the reason of man, we then commend him to the mercy of God. I feel to-day that the African Methodists are in a hopeful condition. I use this term for want of a more comprehensive one. I have no intent to reflect upon anybody else. God never put my nose back of my head to go backward; but before me, to go forward; and I propose to follow my nose. But I can afford to say this; that through the the great, eloquent and mighty men whom I found in the First Episcopal District, there has been a quickening and a vigilance infused into the brethren to such an extent, which promises to double our accessions to the church. There are millions of us here. God has his hand upon us. This race is not going to die out. It will take ages to run us down. I do not propose to bring our race in contrast with any other. I have this to say however, as I see the Negro—the force pent up in their latent powers, that it will take thousands of years to develop their extent and exhaust the future of the Negro. What will be the program of Providence with reference to our people, I am not able to define. I look at our civil and political condition in certain sections of this land. I confess to you that the prospects are gloomy. When I look at the abominable decisions that have come from the Supreme Court of the United States; and not a decision in favor of the Negro has come from that august tribunal; when we see this Congress dallying and bartering between human rights, involving the destiny of our people, and the coinage of silver—degrading justice and equity so that one of the most humane measure, is to be sacrificed to the cupidity of renegade Republicans and negro-hating Democrats, I must confess that the prospect looks gloomy. I have not had time to discuss this matter in full, and I shall not impose upon Bishop Arnett's courtesy; but I look upon the present and future as most unfavorable to our people. I used to be on the political stump; and I would often say; "we do not want social equality, but we want our political rights". I now beg God's pardon and mankind's pardon for that short-sighted declaration; for just as long as the social line is drawn against the Negro, we are going to be left out. And therefore I tell my brethren, though you may laugh at me, I am an African emigrationist;



BISHOP ARNETT'S PRIVATE CAR.

and God grant that I may succeed in going to Africa this year. I hope never to see another Christmas before I see the land of my ancestors. I have been reading Stanley's work, entitled, "Darkest Africa," and the resources of that continent have powerfully presented themselves to my mind. You may laugh at me and ridicule me, and ask why I do not go, after promising to go for some time. If I live, the laugh will not always be on your side. If the church wants me to go, it will help me on the journey; and if it does not want me to go, I am going on my own responsibility; and then I will do as I please. You may ridicule me, and call me a crank, but it will not lessen my interest in the great continent of our fathers. I may be a little cranky upon a great subject like Africa, which is challenging the interests of the most enlightened nations of the earth. A good many men are cranky in the estimation of others, in the pursuit of what is right. But just as long as we remain here, perfectly quiet, sitting and waiting for better times, nothing will be accomplished. God expects us to stir around, and to do our part in advancing the world.

I believe there ought to be steam communication opened between this land and that of our ancestors for the encouragement of trade and commerce, and for the advancement of civilization. A million of black men ought to ask this nation for a hundred million dollars to promote such a purpose.

Let us open up avenues for our young men in business pursuits, and for our educated women in some other respects than in teaching a little school. Under the present condition of affairs our educated young men and young women cannot find much else to do than to engage in teaching. Possibly it is fortunate that we cannot find anything else to do than to go to work and teach somebody else. The time has come for the fathers who are training their sons and daughters to find some place for them to play their part in the drama of life. The *New York Times* says that two-thirds of the waiters at Saratoga are graduates from first-class colleges. When did Almighty God ever require the highest standard of education to be waiters at hotels? When did it become necessary that Greek, Latin and mathematical scholars—that men should be trained in literary pursuits for the purpose of playing the part of scullions? Would to God that the whole creation of our scholars would think and act in regards to the best

interests of themselves and the world at large. The time has come when we should look for some place—some future for our sons and daughters. If we cannot find it in one place we should look for it in another. When you point to me as an African Methodist you point to one whose mission is to go into all the world and preach the Gospel wherever it is most needed. My convictions lead me to Africa; and I feel that it is my duty to go there in the interest of God and humanity. I do not care if Bishop Tanner does say this is my hobby. From his standpoint he does not understand me, and perhaps I do not understand him. As he grows older in years his experience may change his judgment.

I could stand here and portray scenes through which our people have passed in the South that would make your blood boil with indignation. I was passing through Mississippi a few weeks ago when I saw black men come into the cars, trying to escape from the plantations where they were badly treated; and I saw them dragged from the train by officers of the law, to perform a condition of service that was equal to the old conditions of slavery. "You owe me ten dollars," the planter would say, "and you have to work it out." I asked myself what kind of conduct is this? A man has to be terribly in love with this country to be content under such a condition of things. When men will not move through the impulses of manhood, when oppressed and persecuted, it becomes necessary to do with them as is done with the terrapin when it is necessary to have it move—put a little fire on its back. By putting a little fire behind the Negro he will wake up, move, and start in the right direction.

And now, brethren, here we are in some respects the children of fate. We do not act as others would do under similar circumstances. It is my theory that no one but God has been directing the destiny of this race. It is now apparent that the Negro race is the boy race of the world. It has not come to manhood yet. It is destined to play a part that will be felt from pole to pole and from shore to shore. Be proud of yourselves. Love yourselves. Be proud of your color, if you are as black as the hinges of midnight, and thank God that you are not a mule, but rather thank God that you are a man. Being men you should resolve to dignify your manhood. I thank you for your attention, and may God bless you; and may the brethren of this Conference study deep, plan wisely, and execute with fear, making your-

selves, if not the embodiment of all that is grand, the stepping stones to a higher and nobler dispensation. (Loud applause).

BISHOP WARD.

INTRODUCTION BY BISHOP ARNETT:

BRETHREN OF THE EAST FLORIDA CONFERENCE :—It is with more than ordinary pleasure that I enjoy to have in our midst so many of your Bishops and distinguished ministers, young men and old men ; some the hope of our youth—others the councillors of other days, and among them we have with us this morning one of the true heroes of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who was born in the grand old Keystone State. By the way, it just occurs to me that you have present three Bishops who were born in Pennsylvania—an event that never happened in Florida before. (Loud applause.) Of course, there is another thing that never occurred in Florida before, and that is the presense of a Bishop who was born in Florida, in whom you recognize your own beloved Grant. (Great applause.) Bishop Ward, Bishop Tanner and myself are natives of Pennsylvania.

I desire to speak more particularly of Bishop T. M. D. Ward, who bore the banner of our church first in New England, and throughout the New England states he lifted the banner of our christian civilization and African Methodism ; and because of his great services he was sent to California. There were no palace cars or royal sleepers to travel in at that time ; but he had to go by way of Cape Horn—ten thousand miles to get to his appointment. Having faith in God, and being loyal to his trust, he braved the storms of the sea, passed around Cape Horn, moved up the waters of the Pacific, and arrived at the Golden Gate City, where in the name of the living God he lifted up our banners. He preached in the mountains—went up in the gold mines—slept out with the earth as his bed and the sky for his covering, and as a man of God suffered and sacrificed for the cause of African Methodism until he laid the foundations broad and deep, in that distant State, whose superstructure is reared to the glory of God and for the advancement of our race. He has gone from place to place, and wherever he has labored, the results

have been conducive to the best interests of the church. He came to this State and laid the foundations of African Methodism, with some of his brethren, in the Land of Flowers; and some of you who are here to-day, followed the banner of that grand old hero to victory and to glory. Having labored in distant fields, he comes back to greet you—to take you by the hand, and to bid you Godspeed. I take great pleasure and pride in introducing to you Bishop T. M. D. Ward, the hero of a thousand battles. Give him a royal reception. (Prolonged cheering.)

BISHOP WARD SPOKE AS FOLLOWS.

BRETHREN :—After the speech of your eloquent Bishop, it is not necessary for me to say anything, if I had the ability to do so. I am glad to meet you. It is eighteen years since we first met in Monticello. I came to you from Mississippi, up the Tombigby river, and found that part of the railroad bridge was swept away, and I had to retrace my steps and reach you by way of Mobile. From Mobile I went to Montgomery, and from Montgomery I passed to Eufaula where I waited two days for a boat to bring me to Florida. I was all day Sunday on the river Chattahooche, and I did not reach the seat of the Conference till Monday night. Charles Pierce, J. H. Armstrong and others had opened the session. There was some little trouble about the dollar money. I had reason to be apprehensive, and I asked as soon as I reached the Conference, who had possession of the dollar money? Bro. Armstrong replied that he had it. I was afraid it would get away from me, but young Armstrong held on to it with the tenacity of a true Pennsylvanian. Now brethren, you know what we have passed through. At Gainesville, in those days we had a little church that would not hold an hundred persons, but last year this Conference held its session in a fine church there large enough to accomodate it. When I held Conference there in 1873, I preached such as it was, on the old camp ground on Sunday, and there was a young man, who is in this house now that kneeled down by the side of a log, and my hand was placed upon his head for the first time, there he was ordained a deacon. Two years afterward in this city, I laid my hand upon his head as an elder, and in 1888, I placed my hand upon the head of that same young man, at the General Conference in Indianapolis, as one of the bishops of this

great church, whom you will recognize as your well beloved son, Abram Grant.

In the old times it was not like it is now. Then we had no churches, no places to meet in, worthy of being called a church. Sometimes when our brethren were riding on the railroad, they had to get down and lay low, to escape the bullets that were fired through the cars. They were hunted like wild beasts of the forest, but they stood firm. At the battle of Waterloo, one of the English generals rode up to the Iron Duke, and said "we cannot face this storm of death and hell." The Iron Duke replied "stand firm." He returned again and reported, and the Duke of Wellington gave the same reply. He came a third time, and the Duke replied as before. The General catching the spirit of the Iron Duke said, "we will stand." And when the battle was over, there was only a remnant of that division left. Members of the East Florida Conference, you have stood firm in the past, I pray you to continue to be steadfast in the future. We used to have but one little Conference in this State, but now we have two large Conferences, and a church here that represents true Floridian progress. What hath God not wrought for us in this state? Younger men have been advanced to high positions in the church, and have passed away, but I am still here. Dickerson who was not born until after I was called to the itineracy has gone to join the unnumbered millions. Cain is no longer among the living. Another young man, M. E. Bryant, whom I received into the church and ordained in 1875, he too has been cut down in the prime of his years and usefulness, and has gone to join the innumerable host, and now walks the streets of the city of God. I have just come down to look upon you, and to let you know that I am still bearing aloft the old banner, and that the gospel trumpet is still to my lips. I say to the men of Florida, move forward, and the battle is yours. The pioneers that laid the foundations, worked here and have gone home. We will meet them again. It does not matter who reflects upon us—who turns against us—who says that we are immoral, and that two-thirds are libertines and are ignorant, if we stand by the church and do our duty, God will be our defense. They reviled Wesley and Whitfield; but they moved onward, defying the enemies of the cross, and left characters and names that coming generations will honor and revere. We say to you, members of the Church, let the enemies without or the traitors within, de-

ride or defame us, we will stand firm. Let us gird up our loins and move on to the conquest of the world, never allowing the flag of African Methodism to trail in the dust.

The remarks of Bishop Ward were loudly applauded, and the conclusion was received with great cheers.

RESPONSE TO BISHOP WARD BY REV. T. W. LONG.

Response of Rev. T. W. Long, Presiding Elder of the Enterprise District, to the speech of Bishop T. M. D. Ward in the East Florida Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in St. Paul Church, at Jacksonville, on Saturday morning, Feb. 21st, 1891.

BISHOP AND BRETHREN: At the request of the presiding Bishop I arise on behalf of the East Florida Conference to respond in your name to the speech of the grand old man eloquent. Bishop Ward, we welcome you not as a stranger, but as a father—one who has led us in the stormy days of the past—one who has given us marching orders for four years and counsel to guide us after his departure; and now he has returned to see the result of his instruction and advice. Much that has been accomplished is the result of following his direction. We are here to-day not only to work in our annual conference, but to do whatever is necessary for the glory of God and the advancement of man, as he advised when he held the gavel in this episcopal district. I never can forget that when we organized this work how he cheered us by the prospects of a grand future, if we would only be faithful. Inspired by him, and with love for the work, we took the earth for our bed and the clouds for our covering when the circumstances necessitated it. I cannot forget that in the great work of establishing this church in the State of Florida, that when we traveled fifty miles in one day, on foot to advance the church, we felt that we were doing God's service, and we were happy in the performance of our duty. I remember being in the wilderness, far from any dwelling house, and with tears running down my cheeks, when my family and friends grieved, and disappointed at the slow progress of the work, there came the comforting voice, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." It was in those dark days

when I reached Tampa I met with Rev. John James holding the fort in the court house. A few persons believed the Gospel, and I there organized the African Methodist Episcopal Church with seven members. I took a local preacher and placed him in command; and to-day we have a flourishing church with several hundred members, who are active and zealous in the cause. And thus, Bishop Ward, through your efforts and through your direction a glorious work has gone on. You speak, sir, of the church at Gainesville, and how it has prospered there. I was at the Conference that was held there in the early days. When I entered that city in prospecting the situation for the African Methodists, I found the people opposed to the African Methodist preachers. They had been worked up to believe the most unfavorable reports against us; in fact, they thought the African Methodist preachers had tails. (Laughter). But there was something in our conduct and in our work that drew the people toward us; and during the three years that I remained there God blessed our efforts and the work increased. I am thankful that God has allowed me to remain in the work, and to be present at another annual conference, and to meet with you, Bishop Ward, our dear counselor and father, and in the name of this great conference I bid you welcome. I wish to impress you that you are at home, not only in this body but in our houses and in our hearts; and I assure you, should we not meet again in this life, when the church of all the earth shall be gathered with the blood-washed host, we expect to join with you forever, in the sweet bye-and-bye. (Loud applause).

RECEPTION TO BISHOP GRANT.

After devotional exercises Bishop Arnett called the house to order and introduced Judge Lee as follows:

DEAR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE EAST FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE:—We have met together to-night on an occasion such as has never occurred in the history of this State, the Church or the conference—an occasion to present one of Florida's own sons—to do honor to him and his wife, who now occupies one of the most exalted positions on the face of the earth. The welcome address on this occasion will be delivered on behalf of the State by Judge Lee, whom I take great pleasure in presenting to you.



PROF. B. W. ARNETT, JR.,
President of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida.

Judge Lee was received with applause, after which he spoke as follows :

REVEREND BISHOP, MEMBERS OF THE EAST FLORIDA CONFERENCE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—It affords me no little pleasure upon this occasion, to act as the representative of the East Florida Conference, in extending to one of our bishops, Abram Grant, a welcome to-night, in whom I recognize an old friend, who welcomed me to this city over 18 years ago when I came into Florida, not knowing but one person in the State. I became acquainted with Elder Abram Grant, then a pastor in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and he made me welcome by extending to me his warm heart and open hand. I might welcome him as one who gave assistance and recognition to a young man, such recognition as young men need, when they have put forth efforts to qualify themselves for the highest and most exalted positions, whether in church or in state. I might welcome him as one who is ready now, as he has always been in the past, to advance not only himself, but those of his race that are able to occupy places that are filled by men who bring power and strength and tone to the race; but I do not appear in that capacity to-night. I appear as the representative of the East Florida Annual Conference to extend a welcome to one who went from the Florida Annual Conference; and not only from the borders of that conference, but from the humblest position in it; and who now returns to us, occupying the most exalted place that man can occupy on the earth—a bishop for God and for God's church. He went from Duval county circuit, extending then from Black Point to the mouth of the St. John's river—a circuit that now has not less than six or eight brethren occupying it, and they having their hands full. He carved out by his pioneer efforts and work that field which is now ready for us. Brethren, ought we not to extend a welcome to him, by whose side we have gone by night and by day, and who has not lowered the flag or caused us to blush, but who has carried the standard of God's church as only a soldier of Christ, who is imbued with the spirit of the Holy Ghost, can carry it. (Loud applause.) We welcome you; and when we say we welcome you, we know that it is not necessary for us to make use of that expression that you should understand that we welcome you here to-night. You know that our hearts are open for you at any time.

(Applause.) But when I say this, do not understand me to mean that our hearts are not open for your associates; but we speak thus because you went from among us, and are what you are by reasons of these lessons that you learned here—lessons which, I trust, have been of advantage to you in that broader field where you have had to labor. And to-day, sir, I say to you that those who were but children when you went away are men now, able to occupy the most exalted places in the church. I thank God we have got a presiding bishop that will give them the opportunity to occupy these places and to demonstrate the qualification and capabilities that are within them.

We welcome you sir, yes, thrice do we welcome you. May God bless you—may God keep you, and may you understand wherever you go, the brethren of the East Florida Annual Conference will join their petitions to the great God above for your preservation and progression; because we know as you advance the church will go forward.

Brethren, I do not know that I ought to take up more time. My heart is full, and the recollections of the past stir grateful emotions within me. I was a young man fresh from school, with no experience, when Elder Grant took me by the hand, and recommended me to you. I love him as I love a father, and I welcome him as a son would welcome his father who had been on a long journey, and was just returning home. And we are here to-night as young men and women to welcome him and to exult over the record he has made since he has been exalted to the high position which he now occupies. The standard has not been lowered in his elevation. He has not fallen behind the mark that has been set up by his predecessors, but on the contrary he has pushed forward and further on. (Applause.) May God bless you and keep you. These young ministers whose fathers labored with you, but who are now shining angels around the throne of God, say to you to-night welcome, welcome, welcome. They say to you as they know you would say to them, that you are at home, as you know you are. Upon this ground, upon this spot now occupied by this beautiful edifice which was not here when you left the State to work in another field of labor; the spirit of the living God has guarded and protected this people, who by your efforts were gathered together, until they have grown into such numbers as you see. There is not a man

or woman here but says in his or her heart, we welcome you, and through this right hand is extended the right hand of all these brethren. (Long continued applause.)

Bishop Arnett:—It was said by one who was very wise that it was not good for man to be alone; and so we have a welcome address to Sister Grant, the best half of Bishop Grant, by Mrs. Alice I. Epps.

WELCOME TO MRS. GRANT.

Mrs. Epps on coming forward was received with applause, after which she welcomed Mrs. Grant as follows:

BISHOP, MEMBERS OF THE EAST FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND FRIENDS:—This reception is in honor of Bishop Abram Grant and wife, and as he is a son and she is a daughter of Florida, we as Floridians cannot express the pleasure it affords us to be permitted to shake their hands and say to them, we welcome you not alone to our State and city, but to our charmed family and social circles. Dear friends, I as a representative of the female sex have been requested to say something in honor to Mrs. Bishop Grant. I think you will agree with me when I say that in the high and grand position that Bishop Grant now occupies, that there is as much credit due to his wife as to himself. (Great applause). Yes, she with her feeble hands but powerful love built the steps upon which her husband ascended. What a luxury it is for a man to feel that in his home there is a wife in whose presence he can throw off restraint without danger to his dignity, with whom he can confide without fear of disloyalty, and be sick and unfortunate without being abandoned. A good wife is to a man wisdom, courage, strength, hope and endurance.

I will say to you, Mrs. Bishop Grant, I am truly grateful and so are we all to our Heavenly Father, that in the midst of disappointments, difficulties and sorrows, he has so arranged it that we meet again under such favorable auspices. May you long live to enjoy similar meetings; and should we meet no more in this world, may we meet at the grand reception given in honor of the redeemed host in heaven, where we will sing redemption's story throughout the endless ages of eternity. (Great applause). We welcome you to the hospitality and homes of your native State as a representative woman whom we delight to honor. (Long continued applause.)

BISHOP GRANT.

Bishop Arnett, in introducing Bishop Grant, extended to him the following welcome into the Seventh Episcopal District:

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS: The feast is still spread, and we are now to listen to the response to the welcome address delivered by Judge Lee, on behalf of the East Florida Conference as well as the State of Florida; and in order that the Bishop may deliver his address at once I extend to him a cordial welcome into the Seventh Episcopal District, which leads all others except the ninth of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Modesty forbids me to say it is the banner District in the presence of Bishop Grant. We want you to accept our compliments and our hospitality. You are welcome to our houses, to our homes and to all that is good in Florida. In leaving Florida you exhibited most excellent taste in taking the best gift of the State when you departed, and that was your wife—the greatest blessing you ever received in Florida, except your religion. Those two blessings have brought you to this grand reception—your religion on the one side and your wife on the other. I welcome you to the Seventh Episcopal District; and when I can remain no longer under our law, and must go, I can pay you no higher compliment than to wish you would be my successor. This is all the welcome I can give you.

The remarks of Bishop Arnett were received with applause, and he concluded amid great cheering.

Bishop Grant on rising to respond received an ovation. He spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE EAST FLORIDA, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Please accept my sincere thanks for this expression of your appreciation for the action of the last General Conference of our church, which conferred upon me the honor of being one of its Bishops. A great many of us labor with the idea we shall reach our reward when we are through with this life; but when men have toiled in a good cause for twenty or thirty years, and their labors and sacrifices receive such an expression of public appreciation I regard it as some compensation in this life. (Applause). I would have you fully understand that these expressions have a tendency more to make me

feel the responsibility of the position I occupy than to feel myself exalted. When I remember that over three hundred ministers of the Gospel are committed to my charge by this great church, and a popular compliment of this kind is conferred upon me by the people of my old home, it humbles me to the dust of humility, and I feel like going to God for more strength to perform the duties assigned to me. (Loud applause). No one but those who occupy such places can recognize the fact that the labor and responsibility connected with the work tend to shorten our days. I believe as truly as I stand upon this floor that I cannot last as long as I would had I remained in the pastorate. With the labors of meeting and working, and expressions of appreciation of this kind to cheer our hearts on the way, it makes us feel eight or ten years younger than we would have felt. Bishop and brethren, please accept my thanks again. Those who sit around me here are those who do not know me with but few exceptions; and he who sits at my left, Rev. T. W. Long, met me here on the wharf, in 1872, in the month of May and handed me an appointment to the Deval County Mission, telling me to take it, and that if I were called to the ministry I would prove it by my work. For over two years I worked in that field, walking five miles out and return to this city every Sunday, trying to preach the truth as I understood it. Afterwards I was appointed to this church and Mount Olive in this city, serving each of them two years. I was then sent to Tallahassee, and from there I was transferred to Texas, and was stationed at San Antonio, where I remained three years; thence to Austin, where I served four years, after which I was called to the office of Presiding Elder. During my ministerial career as pastor, I think it was six or seven churches that I had the pleasure of managing the erection. I was next returned to my home at San Antonio, and while there I was elected as a delegate to the General Conference of our church, at Indianapolis, in 1888. Some of the sons of Florida, my native home, side by side with those of my adopted home, claimed that Florida and Texas combined were entitled to one of the representatives on the episcopal bench, and the General Conference had so much respect for their judgment as to elect their choice.

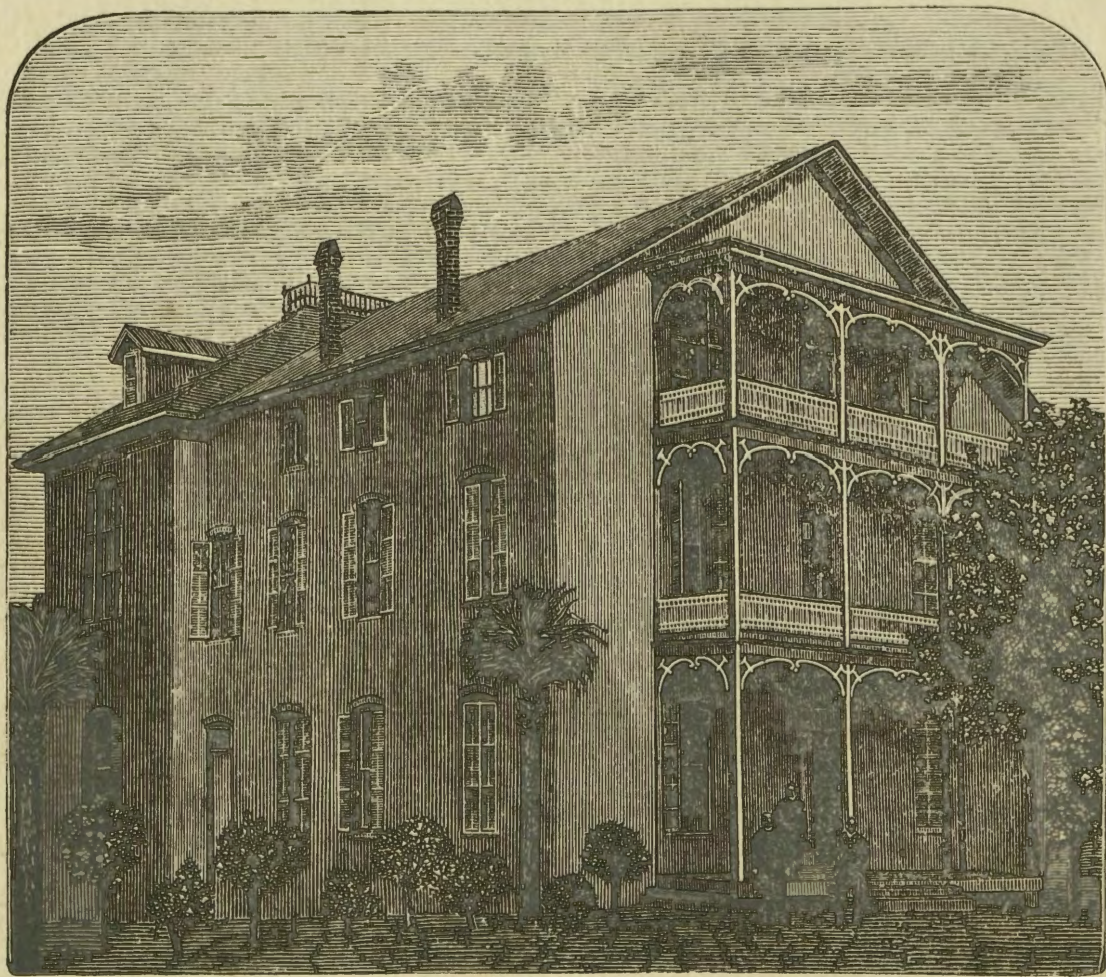
Judge Lee spoke of the welcome and encouragement that I gave him when he came to this city. It is known to you better than to myself, as I have been away from the state for fifteen years,

that the welcome and assistance I may have rendered to him, that he deserved all of that, and more than it was in my power to bestow at that time. He has proved that by his works, in the State-house in the courts, on the judicial bench and in the church. And now he proves it by occupying a representative position from the President of the United States, held by his friend, the late Rev. J. R. Scott, that of Collector of this Port.

Brethren, I have this to say, that at the General Conference, at Indianapolis, the leading spirits seemed to agree that Ohio, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Texas should each have a Bishop; and it will be accorded by all who have kept posted with the times, that in having these sections of the country represented, that the church has gained in some material respects beyond the expectations of its thinking minds. The interrogatory was asked, "will we be able to support four more Bishops?" My predecessor, in the last year of his administration, carried to the General Conference, \$3,700; and I have just closed my year's work with \$9,400 collected in my district. You are the best judge whether the men elected the same day that I was chosen, have superintended the interests of the church as to advance it financially, educationally, spiritually and materially. You are the best judge as to Bishop Arnett's success.

My brethren, I want it understood that I have not only labored in the church, but when it was necessary to act for the welfare of my race, I have never hesitated to labor for its elevation. Since I left this city I have felt the prayers of my people all along the journey of my life. I have ever responded to the necessities of my brethren. I have not stopped at the church work, but wherever the occasion required, I have gone to the State House, to the White House at Washington, to the court rooms and to the jail-houses for my brethren. I have not asked anything on account of being a negro. I have asked that justice be done to us, not because we are black men, but because we are men. I say to the world that this is not a negro church—not a colored organization; but it is the church of God; and all men of every color who desire, may become members. (Loud applause.) We are going to hold on to the reins a little longer. Let this old church stand together, with no east, no north, no west and no south, but one grand old church

from sea to sea, and from country to country. (Thunders of applause.) This is the line on which I have labored, my brethren. (Great applause.) I have aimed to cultivate broad views; and any good African Methodist preacher cannot be otherwise than liberal. This church tends to broaden our ideas and to develop our manhood. We love this church because it is ours. We are like the old negro, who is published as living in a huge hollow log, in Georgia, near the coast, with his dog, his hog and his gun; and on one occasion when he was seen out of his quarters, he was asked why he lived there, and he replied: "Because the white people own all this world, and I want a kingdom somewhere to myself." (Thunders of applause.) So it is with our church, we want a kingdom to ourselves. I entered this church when a mere boy; and a little while after, I began to see that it was the best means in existence for the advancement of my race all along the line. When I saw myself borne upward by the union of the delegates from the churches in Texas, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and others, I could not help but feel that this church was the place for me. (Laughter and applause.) I hope that I shall ever faithfully represent the righteous sentiment of the church. And now brethren, I am grateful to you for helping to exalt me to this high office; and I shall ever endeavor to give the world to understand that our ministers and members in all sections of this country are able to manage successfully this great organization. If we are able to erect such houses as this—to organize half a million of members—to erect institutions of learning, and conduct them with our preachers and teachers, we are able to successfully govern the African Methodist Episcopal Church. (Loud applanse.) We are fully competent to lead this church on to glory. I am prepared to say that the Methodists and Baptists are the only moral and religious powers that have had control of our people; and in the training of the people, four million of broken yokes went floating down a sea of blood. (Great cheering). No people have had the moral and religious training and management of our people but the Methodist and Baptist; and whatever we are the Methodist and Baptist have made us. It is admitted by accepted writers that we have gained more in 26 years, in some material respects, than it took Rome to attain in four hundred years. Our moral and intellec-



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tual teachers were sufficient to lead the people. If we could build these houses, clear up the grounds, erect our institutions of learning, don't you think you are able to run this kingdom? (Applause). It is very gratifying to know that your Bishop agrees with me in sentiment. I want you to understand that whenever the interests of our people were threatened or imperiled, I have always been prepared and ready, to the best of my ability, to act in any section of the country. Let us abolish all sectional lines, and feel that we have one grand church in which all are equal. (Applause).

And now, my brethren, I close by saying I thank you for the good words and kind expressions to my better half. God has said that it was not good for man to be alone. God never said that it was not good for woman to be alone; because he knew that woman could better take care of herself than man could take care of himself. (Laughter). The good woman who has walked hand in hand with me for almost twenty-one years deserves all that you say in your paper of her. Probably some of the credit for the success that I have made in the ministry is largely due to her. If you will all get a wife like my wife you can all be Bishops. (Great laughter and applause). I thank you again, Bishop—I thank you again, Judge Lee, and I thank you, Sister Epps, on behalf of my wife. I felt almost ready to go down on my knees when Judge Lee had finished speaking. He brought tears to my eyes; but when Miss Epps delivered the cheerful welcome to my better half, and the inspiring music of the choir followed, I must confess that I was animated with more agreeable emotions. In looking around me I see Elder T. W. Long, who gave me my first appointment, and a few others that remind me of the past. I am deeply impressed with the scene and the circumstances of the occasion. I look for my old pastor, J. R. Scott, and his predecessor, W. W. Sampson, but they have gone the way of all the earth. I look for William Bradwell, under whose preaching I was converted, but he is no longer among the living; but I do see with pleasure his brother, Charles L. Bradwell, sitting to my left, with the impress of time bearing down upon him.

I was up in Colorado last Summer, on Pike's Peak, which is 35 miles from the base to the summit. I asked a man if he had ever been on the top of that mountain, and he said: "I was up there

when it was dark down below, while the sun was shining upon the crest of the peak." I asked him how it looked. "It looked," said he, "like one of the golden chariots from the other world, with its wheels dipped in the emblazoned glories of eternity." I said to him, that is a beautiful figure; and the thought came to me that those who live on the top of the mountain of righteousness and truth will see Jesus first when he comes down from the heavens. (Thunders of applause). O brethren, this is a grand welcome to me and my dear wife, who has walked side by side with me in my ministerial life. And to you, Bishop, I would say, as well as to all present, that if I do not have the honor to succeed you in the Superintendence of this District, but that when the army of the redeemed shall be marshalled on the plains of eternal brightness, and when the Lord shall call his hosts home, I expect to join with Allen, and Morris Brown, and Shorter, and Dickerson and Cain, and the blood washed army, somewhere in the great beyond, in crowning Him Lord of all. (Great Cheering). I bless God for the scene before me to-night. Little did I think when I labored on this ground, some seventeen years ago as a humble minister of the gospel that I would return so soon as one of the chief officers of this great church and receive such a reception. I thank you one and all for the distinguished honor which I have attained, by following the commands of God. (Long continued applause).

Bishop Grant then in an impressive musical voice, and in a manner that stirred the assembly to a high degree of enthusiasm, sang "Where He Leads I Will Follow," and soon his spirit was communicated to the people whose souls seemed to be enthused as they voiced the praise worship into a congregational chorus.

Bishop Arnett:—On account of the immense crowd present, and the difficulty of having the people move in any direction, we will have to change part of the program. It was arranged that all should come forward and take the hand of Bishop and Mrs. Grant, our distinguished guests; but the room is so crowded that you will have to sit in your seats and take the hand of each other as a congratulation to them. I take great pleasure in introducing to you Sister Grant. I want you all to see her. She is the wife of Bishop Grant. This is

Florida of Florida. Her name is Florida, and wherever Bishop Grant goes, Florida goes with him. (Laughter and applause).

On being presented Mrs. Grant came forward and was received with cheers.

Bishop Arnett:—I have some other distinguished persons to introduce. This is Dr. C. S. Smith, of Nashville, Tenn., Secretary of the Sunday School Union from which comes all of our Sunday School literature. This is the man that does the work, who has the distinction of conducting the most successful department of our church. This is Rev. J. B. Loftin, pastor of our church in Savannah. He raised more Dollar Money than any one man last year. He is called King of the Dollar Money. I want to show you something that you never saw before. This Rev. Charles L. Bradwell, one of the first pastors to join our church in the South when Bishop Payne came down in 1865; and now we have 3,850 marching on to glory. This is Sister Susie I. Shorter, wife of Prof. Shorter, of Wilberforce University. I have the pleasure to introduce to you Rev. W. D. Johnson, D. D., Secretary of Education of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bishop Grant:—It is with Pride that I introduce to you Miss Anna L. Arnett, daughter of the presiding Bishop. Young men, look out, she is single. (Merriment.)

The different persons introduced bowed their acknowledgments and retired.

The choir of St. Paul's church was present, and during the evening sang with cultured voices "Somewhere," "Praise ye the Lord," "Let the Saviour In," "Bless the Lord, My Soul," "Reap What We've Sown," and "He is Just the Same To-Day." The artistic and impressive effect of the voices thrilled the congregation with delight, and many were the compliments bestowed upon its execution. Mrs. A. R. Green is the accomplished leader of the choir, and possesses a fine soprano voice, flexible and musical, which was in excellent tune. Miss Martha E. Boyd presided at the organ with a finished touch, which was admirable in its execution.

BISHOP'S COUNCIL.

WILBERFORCE, O., June 19, 1890.

To Rt. Rev. Daniel A. Payne, D. D., LL. D., Senior, and Bishops of the A. M. E. Church.

REVEREND FATHERS:

We, the representatives of the East Florida Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, would most respectfully ask and invite you to hold your Semi-Annual Episcopal Council in Jacksonville, Florida. Should you accept our request and invitation, we will feel highly honored and will do everything we can to make your visit pleasant and enjoyable.

We have the pleasure to be your co-workers for God and Humanity,

M. M. MOORE,
S. H. COLEMAN,
JNO. R. SCOTT.

The above invitation was accepted.

The following addresses were delivered.

ADDRESS BY M. M. MOORE, B. D.

To the Rt. Rev. Daniel Alexander Payne, D. D., LL. D., Senior, and Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

RT. REVS. AND DISTINGUISHED SIRs:—I rejoice in the honor to welcome you to this our State, the "Land of Flowers and Sunshine." Florida with more than two thousand miles of railway lines. The first orange growing State in the Union, and in truck farming among the first. The next census, soon to be issued, will show that Florida has developed as much, if not more rapidly in material wealth, than any State in the Union, on account of its advantageous geographical location and inviting climate. Awaiting the 11th census report we in-

vite your consideration to the statistics in part of our Summer Land preceding the last decade.

Our State was the 30th corn growing State in the Union, yielding an annual product of 2,062,899 bushels; 39th Oats State; 10th Cotton.

This with tobacco, sugar cane, etc., gave an annual product valued at \$3,817,297.

The census of 1880 show this State to have had 269,493, of the nation's 50,155,783, and of the 6,580,793 Afro-American population of the country we number in Florida 126,690 souls, with 27,489 voters, or constituency who have been represented in the past by men of our own race in every political position of trust and emolument excepting that of the chief executive of the State.

It is with unbounded pride that we welcome you to the hospitalities of this State, where we have at present twelve practicing lawyers and nine practicing doctors of our own race. To this one of the 44 States of the Union, where our people, by their thrift and economy, have amassed personal and real property to the value of \$7,900,040, many of whom owning their own homes, and not a few the plantations where they were formerly slaves upon. Our people are awakening to their higher and better interest all over the State; engaging in general business enterprises and bidding for a competence in the callings as pursued by other races.

We are somewhat, if not fully, alive to the necessity for newspapers and other periodicals, conducted by men of our own race. Hence, we lend encouragement by way of subscription and influence to as many as six Afro-American weekly journals edited in this State. We also subscribe to race literature coming from out of the State. I mention especially the *A. M. E. Church Review*, published by Rev. L. J. Coppin, D. D.; *The Christian Recorder*, edited by Rev. B. F. Lee, D. D.; *The Southern Christian Recorder*, edited by Rev. M. E. Bryant, and the *Teachers' Quarterly*, edited by our most efficient Connectional Sunday School Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith, D. D., at Nashville, Tenn.

Sirs, we throw wide the doors of our State, and with open hearts our people join in welcoming you on this auspicious occasion to the

unbounded hospitalities of our homes, the sunshine of our land and the sweet fragrance of flowers in this, the old "Peninsular State," organized as a Territory in 1822, admitted as a State to the mighty Union of States March 3d, 1848. Our State to-day stands the 21st in size among the States and ranks as the 34th, casting four of the Nation's electoral votes.

We have 1,200 miles of coast line. Our area is 59,269 square miles, with 37,931,520 acres.

The soil in the central and southern parts of the State is inexhaustible in fertility. Our staple products are corn, sugar, molasses, rice, cotton, oats, tobacco, vegetables of all kinds, peaches, oranges, strawberries, and all tropical and semi-tropical fruits, cocoanuts, pineapples, lumber, fish, oysters, etc. Poultry and stock raising are also among the successful industries of our State. In military strength, the organized force, is but 701, while the unorganized strength is 42,300, and if the call should ever come for volunteers to defend the honor and dignity of our mother Union the Afro-American men of Florida will be found among the patriots as in the memorable past, when we furnished 1,044 brave sons of Ham to aid in holding the Union intact. In religion, morals and education we are advancing. There are about 37,600 children of our race in this State receiving the benefit of 587 public schools, more or less, presided over by 661 efficient teachers. We have a Normal school, located at Tallahassee, the capital, and is supported by the State. We have in addition to these public schools three denominational colleges or seminaries. The Baptist Institute, at Live Oak, Fla.; Cookman Institute, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and last, but not least, we have Edward Waters' College, of our own connection, founded by that sainted and great hero, the immortal William Preston Ross, who conquered death and winged his soul to God during the yellow fever calamity of this city in 1888. These seminaries offer facilities for collegiate and professional studies of the grade for the higher schools of the better sort. Thus, sirs, you may see that we are coming over the hills of ignorance and oppression, and are fast demonstrating to the ill-informed world that merit is the source of life through the fiercest earthly strifes, and that sterling merit brings him safe whom the gods this boon vouchsafes.

We are waxing into a mighty race beneath the giant hand and shades of oppression. Yea, Ethiopia must stretch forth her hand,

and to-night we welcome you dear fathers and Bishops, to our Florida, the "Land of Flowers," the most beautiful of all peninsulas on the globe. Florida with her beautiful rivers and smiling lakes; with orange groves and strawberry fields, awaits your inspection and approval. We are more than glad to have you with us; for we long desired to meet you, to greet you, and honor you for the great and grand work you have done, and are doing for God and humanity. When it was officially announced in the columns of the "Christian Recorder," that you would come to Jacksonville, the metropolis of Florida, to hold your Semi-annual Episcopal Council, twenty-eight thousand African Methodist hearts vibrated as never before. Sirs, in the name of a grateful and open-hearted people, I welcome you to this, "the land of perpetual youth," where the sun forever shines and the foliage always blooms. Where God smiles upon, though the dark deeds of the wicked may stain. Yes, we welcome you to our state, to our homes, to our hospitalities. Again allow me to say: once and for all time, you are welcome to this, our beautiful Florida, the land of flowers, oranges and sunshine.

ADDRESS BY REV. S. H. COLEMAN, A. M.

To the Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

I have not felt at liberty to decline the invitation to extend this welcome to you, though most certainly do I wish that the honorable duty had been assigned to some brother better qualified to treat the subject as it deserves. I have not felt free to decline the invitation because it comes from the valued friends of my whole life. And if it should appear that kind regard for me has caused the committee to err in selecting me as their spokesman for this occasion I hope that you will emulate that spirit of kindness and excuse the shortcomings that may appear too obvious in what I shall say.

The history of the world presents no parallel to the progress of the age in which we live, in all that is calculated to elevate, refine and happyfy the race of man. Egypt and Babylon, Greece and Rome have had their day of triumph and renown and each in turn has passed away, leaving but a name upon the page of history, and a few crumb-

ling fragments and other wrecks of the past to tell succeeding generations that they "were but are not."

Systems of error long cherished and sustained are being rapidly exploded.

Systems of oppression whether political or religious are being abandoned, whilst our race progresses with gigantic strides toward a height of intelligence and virtue which never entered into the loftiest dreams of the famed sages of antiquity.

Not less brilliant and plain is the march of mind and the achievements of the intellect in this our day, than is the career of the material sun as it courses its pathway of light.

The noble inventions which characterize the age are the consequence of this unchaining of the human intellect.

The diffusion of intellect by means of the press has been followed at once by discoveries sublime and wonderful.

The star that rose over Juda's hill and attracted the shepherd's gaze upon the plains of Bethlehem, is scattering its prolific rays over the hitherto dark continents and islands of the earth.

The incarnate Lord, though yielding to the mandates of tyrants and teaching his followers to "render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's," has asserted his claim to all hearts, and established on earth a kingdom which shall never be moved. Its foundations are laid in the depths of truth unfathomable to angel's minds, and its topmost stones are lost in the eternal sublimity which surround the throne of God. The laws of His kingdom are heaven derived, and are admirably adapted to the conditions and necessities of men.

The essential principles of religious liberty here taught are by the spirit which revealed them so engraved in the heart, and entwined with its best affections and noblest aspirings, that they necessarily form the motive power of the man and make him in truth and in verity a christian freeman. Thus verifying the sublime and truthful language of the poet :

" He is a freeman, whom the truth makes free,
And all are slaves besides."

The principles of Gospel liberty are in their nature diffusive. They were destined to spread for the amelioration of the race, and the moment they are felt and understood by one individual, that one becomes a propagandist for his tribe, his nation or his fellowman.

The diffusion of these principles will be co-eternal with the principles of christianity, as christianity is identified with the growth and glory of ages past and ages to come.

Against the foes of her faith and her fold, with unquaking eye and unfaltering step, she has held her onward course unmoved and unsubdued by the tyrants of the cloister and the judges of the church, the intrigue of courts and the hostility of camps, hireling villainy and diplomatic guile. She has met the peril of flood and field, disaster and death, vengeance and massacre in a thousand forms.

Sometimes extending her plans of evangelization among the tribes of paganism, without offering resistance to her enemies, and hurling thunder at thrones and pronouncing the doom of nations.

When streams of gallant blood, welling from the wounds of a million martyrs, stained the scaffold, deluged the plains, mingled with the rivers, or lay like dew in the valley of Christendom.

She bore, until further forbearance would have been cruelty to virtue, infidelity to her cause, and she aimed a blow of wrath that smote her enemies with a thousand thunderbolts at once.

The principles of Christianity stand amidst earth's strong vicissitudes like eternal Lebanon with her diadem of cedars pointing to heaven, while the dislocation of ages are spilled at her feet and storied in her shadows. The power which gave them to earth, and which has signalized their triumph in every contest, will be the guardian of their diffusion in all time to come and urge them forward to ameliorate the condition of our race.

The Christian organization known as the Methodist Family has been distinguished by the organization of seminaries of learning and various benevolent institutions, all tending to the same great end, and progressing with an impetus that seems to guarantee under the continued smiles of the Arbiter of the universe the completion of their toils in the not far distant future.

But, sirs, it was the high destiny of the African Methodist Episcopal Church—this, the oldest daughter of the Methodist family—to sieze and embody and exemplify to a gazing and admiring world the sublime principles of Gospel freedom.

Driven out by persecution, our forefathers endured privations and suffered hardships beyond our present conceptions to secure an asylum for themselves and posterity.

Their noble end is gained. And you as their successor in office and our chief pastor, come from the north, with sinews braced by crisp winds, and with minds like your bodies, invigorated with the oxygen of higher latitudes. From the east, you come worn and travel stained, and you bring the rich fruits of learning and experience gathered on many a highway, and acquired by mental and spiritual application. From the setting sun, you come hallowed by the reflection that your glorious eve will soon come, when wearied nature shall sound its last tattoo, to be succeeded by that ringing reveille which shall call us all from labor, to that "rest that remaineth to the people of God." You come within our gates to hold your Semi-annual Council.

In the name and on behalf of the two hundred traveling ministers, the six hundred and thirty-one local preachers and exhorters, I bid you welcome. On behalf of sixteen thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight members and probationers, representing more than two hundred and sixty-five chapels, valued at more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, I bid you welcome.

Welcome to this, the fairest among the sisterhood of states. To this land of sunshine, the home of the citrus family, whose aroma fills the atmosphere; to our phosphate fields, oyster beds, cotton and agricultural fields whose resources are only equalled by the skill of the best informed scientist.

Welcome to our health giving springs. To our salubrious climate. May your session be pleasant as well as profitable, are the earnest wishes of those whom I this day represent.

On behalf of the Committee, I bid you welcome, yea thrice welcome to the home of Abram Grant.



PROGRAMME OF THE OCTOGENENIAL CELEBRATION.

OF BISHOP DANIEL A. PAYNE, D. D., LL. D.,

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA., FEBRUARY 24, 1891.

1. "Methodism a Common Heritage."

Bishop Thomas Bowman, D. D., Senior Bishop of the M. E. Church.
 Bishop J. G. Keener, D. D., Senior Bishop of the M. E. Church South.
 Bishop J. J. Moore, D. D., Senior Bishop of the Zion A. M. E. Church.
 Bishop W. H. Miles, Senior Bishop of the C. M. E. Church of America.

2. "The Moral and Religious Educator—His Qualifications, Work, Past, Present and Future."

Rev. B. F. Lee, D. D.

3. "The Religious Press—Its Power and Influence."

Bishop B. T. Tanner, D. D.

4. "The Place of the Pioneers of African Methodism."

Bishop T. M. D. Ward, D. D.

5. "Florida as it Was and Is."

Bishop John M. Brown, D. D., D. C. L.

6. "The Pioneer Ministers Before the War—Who They Were."

Bishop H. M. Turner, D. D., LL. D.

7. "Three Score Years, or Eighty Mile-stones." A Poem.

Rev. A. A. Whitman.

8. Original Hymn.

Mrs. M. E. Lee.

Music by Mrs. Bertha B. Cook.

Lord we lift our hearts to Thee,
 Let our song accepted be,
 We would thank Thee for this day,
 Let thy presence with us stay.

As thou didst thy Samuel call,
 Made on him thy spirit fall:
 So was called this righteous man,
 For our leader in the van.

Strong, brave soldier in the fight,
 Long he's battled for the right,
 Fighting darkness with his might,
 Striving for the truth and light.

Now behold the almond tree,
 Reveren'd head in blossom see,
 Worn and well spent in the chase,
 Ripened in thy love and grace.

All our blessings come from Thee; To encourage us to go,
 Wisdom, strength and grace so free. On our journey here below
 He who doth thy law obey, Trusting in thy might alone,
 Cast a brightness o'er the way. Making thy blest will our own.

O, we praise Thee for this day,
 For this gracious natal day,
 Of our father, Daniel Payne;
 Grant that it may come again.

9. "The Heroines of African Methodism."
 Mrs. Susie I. Shorter.
10. "The Future Woman and Her Work."
 Miss Hallie Q. Brown.
11. "The Necessity of an Educated Ministry to Lead the People."
 Rev. T. H. Jackson, D. D.
12. "The Necessity of Standing by Our Doctrinal Land Marks."
 Rev. J. C. Embry, D. D.
13. "The Demands of the Coming Church: Will we be Able to Meet Them."
 Rev. C. S. Smith.

HISTORICAL.

Rt. Rev. Daniel Alexander Payne was born in Charleston, S. C., Feb. 24, 1811.

He studied theology at the Lutheran College at Gettysburg, Penn., and united with the Franklin Synod of the Lutheran Church, and was licensed in 1837. Two years later he was ordained. In the winter of 1841 he joined the Quarterly Conference of Bethel A. M. E. Church in Philadelphia. In the Spring of 1842 at the Philadelphia Annual Conference he was received on trial as a local preacher, and in 1843 into full connection. He was called to the itinerant ministry almost immediately.

In 1852 he was elected to the Bishopric of the A. M. E. Church, in New York City. He was President of Wilberforce University from 1863 to 1876. He was the first President of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union, which position he now holds, and has been the Senior Bishop of the A. M. E. Church since the death of Bishop Wm. Paul Quinn, February, 1873. He is the oldest living Methodist Bishop in the world.

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Mary Wiggins	\$1 00	Gabrel Tysen	\$1 00
H. B. Brown	1 00	Rockanah Ford	1 00
Jane Tysen	1 00	Ellen Elsia	1 00
Eliza Boyd	1 00	Epsey Davis	1 00
Bella Riley	1 00	Henry McClenon	1 00
Luke Morison	1 00	Martha Wooderd	1 00
Susan Morison	1 00	William Morison	1 00
John Morrison	1 00	Hattie Small	1 00
Lotty Tysen	1 00	Thomas Woodered	1 00
Hannah Gooden	1 00	Alice Chanon	1 00
Rosanah Chanon	1 00	Fannie Metts	1 00
Noah Lushington	1 00	Alice Garrison	1 00
Phillis Dancilla	1 00	Jenny Jones	1 00
Caleb George	1 00	J. W. Steele	1 00
Jordan Banks	1 00	Charlie Daniels	1 00
Jacob Sutton	1 00	E. J. Loudon	1 00
Elie Steward	1 00	Perry Ward	1 00
Joseph Green, Jr.,	1 00	Walter Wier	1 00
Richard Bradly	1 00	William Jones	1 00
Nelly Moseley	1 00	Francis Wadkins	1 00
Martha Scott	1 00	Samuel Owens	1 00
Martha Steward	1 00	Martha Smith	1 00
Charlotte George	1 00	Fanny Steele	1 00
Mahaley White	1 00	Eliza Daniels	1 00
Frank Daniels	1 00	Eliza Loudon	1 00
Calhoun Jackson	1 00	Patsy Jackson	1 00
Tdah Garrison	1 00	Fanny Roberts	1 00
Champ Roberts	1 00	Mattie Steele	1 00
Laura Steele	1 00	Phillis Mays	1 00
Rebecca Ward	1 00	Juda Steele	1 00
Nicean Stelle	1 00	Ohdella Wier	1 00

Little Daniels	1 00	Edward Jacob Sr.,	1 00
Mary Dempson	1 00	Mary Buggs	1 00
Bella White	1 00	Alice Heath	1 00
Amanda Banks	1 00	Jannie Larkins	1 50
Sylesia George	1 00	Eliza Gaskin	1 00
Robert Gaskin	1 00	Joseph Pinkney	1 00
William Posey	1 00	Carry Mosely	1 00
Sarah Mosely	1 00	Luke Simmons	1 00
Julia Simmons	1 00	Samuel Weaver	1 00
Sopha Jackson	1 00	Robert Buggs	1 00
A. G. George	1 00	Emley Green	1 00
Julia Choens	1 00	Annah Gallmon	1 00
Calvin Steele	1 00	Ruffin Heath	1 00
Docia A. Hawkins	1 00	Edward Jacobs, Jr.,	1 00
Henry Clark	1 00	Matilda Hamilton	1 00
Martin Hamilton	1 00	George Stephens	1 00
Hattie Vaughns	1 00	Peggy Steele	1 00
Rosa Blakely	1 00	Eliza Jackson	1 00
Arch. Steele, Jr.,	1 00	Yorec Smith	1 00
E. Washington Garrison	1 00	Randal Dickerson	50
Anna Steele	50	Luissa Baker	50
Samuel Dunkins	50	Mary Clark	50
Sellie Daniels	50	Chancy Steele	50
C. W. Taylor	50	Edward Johnson	25
Jessie McCulor	25	Hyme Schannon	25
Isaac Gooden	25	Douglass Mason	25
Louis Carr	25	Cilla Jacob	25
Bella Louis	05		

KEY WEST STATION.

G. W. WITHERSPOON, Pastor.

G. W. Witherspoon	\$1 00	R. W. Butler	\$1 00
John Thompson	1 00	Susie Thompson	1 00
Sarah Seres	1 00	S. Johnson	1 00
D. Welerford	1 00	I. Hunter	1 00
Robert Calson	1 00	Mary E. Flether	1 00
Lucy Kemp	1 00	Ann Izaco	1 00
T. Curry	1 00	F. Fisher	1 00
J. A. Smith	1 00	R. Berry	1 00
J. Clear	1 00	R. H. Dames	1 00
Henry Curry	1 00	F. Legett	1 00

James Saunders	1 00	Elijah Leightbourn	1 00
Samuel Kemp	1 00	Romelda Campbell	1 00
David Simes	1 00	E. F. Frances	1 00
W. H. Carry	1 00	John Roberts	1 00
Rose Kelly	1 00	Hester Thompson	1 00
Elnoar Bethel	1 00	Phillis Farrington	1 00
F. E. Burnsidess	1 00	A. Simlett	1 00
H. W. Clear	1 00	Christanna Huston	1 00
R. Russell	1 00	M. Russell	1 00
Sharlot Sands	1 00	Lucy Evens	1 00
V. Monroe	1 00	C. Mingo	1 00
Carry Neely	1 00	J. H. Baker	1 00
Ellen Burk	1 00	C. A. Sawyer	1 00
Flora Kemp	1 00	Margret Simlett	1 00
Rose Price	1 00	S. Danzell	1 00
Abraham Roberts	1 00	Annie Matthews	1 00
Marian Dames	1 00	Ben Roberts	1 00
Berry Lowe	1 00	W. T. Cooper	1 00
Thos. Bastian	1 00	C. Munnings	1 00
Josephine Abbury	1 00	S. E. Hasly	1 00
Joseph Higgs	1 00	Almore Hutson	1 00
Adder Rodges	1 00	James Roxburgh	1 00
Thos. Curry	1 00	A. Smith	1 00
James Dossett	1 00	Marian Smith	1 00
Josphine Saunders	1 00	Mary Sawyer	1 00
Sarah Abbury	1 00	Rebecca Baker	1 00
Rebecca Ambristo	1 00	N. Roberts	1 00
P. Palasha	1 00	O. Mitchell	1 00
Robert Edwards	1 00	Wm. Edwards	1 00
Nancy Abbury	1 00	Susie Curry	1 00
Georgie Abbury	1 00	Taresia Dames	1 00
Margrett Bains	1 00	Lula Munnings	1 00
John Lightburn	1 00	Urico Abbury	1 00
Luvina Butler	1 00	G. A. Stewart	1 00
H. Roberts	1 00	Maryan Erven	1 00
Mary Sherwood	1 00	Josephine Roberts	1 00
Pamela Knowls	1 00	Henry Clay	1 00
C. F. Butler	1 00	P. W. Bryant	1 00
S. J. Roberts	1 00	Ellen Roll	1 00
Mary Matthews	1 00	Margrett Bain	1 00
Z. Furgason	1 00	Josephine Hebbon	1 00
Alice Morris	1 00	Leath Sweating	1 00
Adoline Clay	1 00	G. P. Bains	1 00
M. E. Steward	1 00	Annie Marsh	1 00

Marian Ingrahan	1 00	Oliva Dossett	1 00
Jane Taylor	1 00	Dorcas Furgerson	1 00
W. H. Sanders	1 00	S. S. Hebourn	1 00
E. S. Hunter	1 00	Henry Kemp	1 00
L. Mason	1 00	Clara Russell	1 00
Augusta Sweating	1 00	Rose Sawyer	1 00
Sharlott Matheus	1 00	Frances McClain	1 00
M. H. Marsh	1 00	E. D. Johnson	1 00
Martha Baker	1 00	Ida Dossett	1 00
H. W. Cear	1 00	Minnie Russell	1 00
Emily Whitfield	1 00	Patiance Roll	1 00
Eley Roker	1 00	Susie Curry	1 00
James Mason	1 00	Eliza Baker	1 00
Isaac Farrington	1 00	Laura Roberts	1 00
Mosella Albury	1 00	Harriet Major	1 00
S. H. Berry	1 00	Sharlott Lear	1 00
Joseph Crown	1 00	Robert Knowles	1 00
S. J. Albury	1 00	P. J. Johnson	1 00
Ed Matheus	1 00	J. I. Mason	1 00
James Butler	1 00	Marian Matheus	1 00
J. Leightbourn	1 00	Orenia Saunders	1 00
Tisha Berry	1 00	Sarah Sawyer	1 00
Trisa Walice	1 00	James Matheus	1 00
Eath Fisher	1 00	Charity Tobes	1 00
R. Pinder	1 00	Charlott Butler	1 00
C. Sweating	1 00	F. Cooper	1 00
H. Syco	1 00	S. Richerson	1 00
M. Johnson	1 00	M. J. Curry	1 00
C. Clear	1 00	Susie Pinican	1 00
S. J. Patton	1 00	W. Pointer	1 00
Peter Parks	1 00	M. Roll	1 00
Ed Williams	1 00	James Pinder	1 00
Jestina Smith	1 00	James Saunders	1 00
James Bain	1 00	J. Johnson	1 00
C. Roberts	1 00	R. Hasly	1 00
Any Pinder	1 00		

OCALA STATION.

J. W. DUKES, Pastor.

Alfert Davis	\$1 00	Anna Graham	\$1 00
Christopher Ward	1 00	Elijah Simmons	1 00

William Lumpkin	1 00	Lawrence Fobbe	1 00
Eliza Spindle	1 00	F. P. Gadson	1 00
N. A. L. Robinson	1 00	Susan Washington	1 00
Callie Garrison	1 00	Mary Graham	1 00
William McClary	1 00	Caroline Dukes	1 00
Robert Palmer	1 00	Caroline Swain	1 00
Lizzie Racket	1 00	Benjamin Tidwell	1 00
Mary Boyd	1 00	Jordan McConic	1 00
L. R. Garrison	1 00	Wade Horde	1 00
Robert Sellers	1 00	Williams Meekins	1 00
Jane Yache	1 00	Leana Hatcher	1 00
Henry Anderson	1 00	Matilda Palmer	1 00
F. M. Sheperd	1 00	A. J. Carman	1 00
S. J. Green	1 00	R. W. Tidwell	1 00
Donas Washington	1 00	Eliza Thigpen	1 00
Evangeline Thigpen	25	Sarah Hampton	1 00
Phillip Graham	1 00	Lulia Reed	1 00
Crecie Davis	1 00	Mary E. Robinson	1 00
Eliza Donly	1 00	Drucilla Brown	1 00
Lulia Luteman	1 00	Melia Johnson	1 00
Sophia Meekins	1 00	Monie Williams	1 00
Drucilla Hazel	1 00	Polly Dinkins	1 00
Rachael Hazard	1 00	Lucinda Gill	1 00
Ellen Dawkins	1 00	C. Lamar	1 00
Fibby Spencer	1 00	Alice Williams	1 00
John Robinson	1 00	Henrietta Green	1 00
Lowrie Simms	1 00	Oblive Lawrence	1 00
Lucy Peoples	1 00	Malethia Sims	1 00
Ella Lewis	1 00	Rebecca Jordan	1 00
F. J. Alexander	1 00	Levi Alexander	1 00
Mary Felder	1 00	Janie Tidwell	1 00
Clary Williams	1 00	Mary J. Gowens	1 00
Cinderella Thomas	1 00	C. J. Jinkins	1 00
Annie Jinkins	1 00	Lizzie Dawkins	1 00
E. H. Mitchell	1 00	Hannah Tidwell	1 00
Gilbert Little	1 00	Lizzie Gray	1 00
Geo. Washington	1 00	Leah Walker	1 00
Laura Clark	1 00	Caroline Jordan	1 00
Hester Elcie	1 00	Dicey Harbin	1 00
Clara Hendrick	1 00	Fanny Elcie	1 00
Randle Pendleton	1 00	Hagar Pendleton	1 00
H. C. Champher	1 00	E. D. Walker	1 00
Mattie Walker	1 00	S. D. Steward	1 00
Maria Hence	1 00	E. F. Williams	1 00

Betsy Birdduff	1 00	Sarah Hight	1 00
E. G. Smith	1 00	Mattie Williams	1 00
Green Gettis	1 00	Charlott Simmons	1 00
Jane Thomas	1 00	Precilla Jones	1 00
G. R. Clatt	1 00	Lucian Jones	1 00
Ammie Moore	1 00	Anne Dawkins	1 00
W. G. Williams	1 00	Louisa Sturkis	1 00
Alonzo Walker	1 00	Annie Wright	1 00
Betsy Kitchen	1 00	Adelade Anderson	1 00
Liddie Daniels	1 00	Flora Williams	1 00
Fathie Palmer	75	Nettie Palmer	75
Violet McKee	50	John Jackson	1 00
John Brown	1 00	Kitty McClary	1 00
Burle E. Dawkins	1 00	Dock Green	1 00
Mary Alston	1 00	L. J. Alston	1 00
L. A. Gadson	1 00	A. J. Flawler	1 00
Mary E. Woodward	1 00	R. J. Suples	1 00
Annie Thomas	50	Annie Clayton	1 00
Roseana Davis	1 00	J. W. Alexander	1 00
Gaspar Ingraham	1 00	Rodrick Thomas	1 00
S. B. Alexander	1 00	G. M. C. Butler	1 00
Hellen M. Butler	1 00	John Morton	1 00
D. S. Williams	1 00	James Noice	1 00
Susan Myers	1 00	Mary Ward	50
Sarah Ward	50	J. H. Haines	1 00
Lucy Dawkins	1 00	J. L. Brooks	1 00
Milton Anderson	1 00	Precilla Cooper	1 00
Lizzie Coleson	1 00	Richard Glymp	1 00

LIST OF FRIENDS.

Wm. Giles, 50c.; Julia Steward, 25c.; Florence Robinson, a child, 5c.; William Griffin, \$1.00; Mr. Williams, 25c.; Lula Vann, \$1.00; Jonah Gadson, 50c.; Young men of the Ocala and Montezuma hotels lead by Pulley and Geo. Ireham, head waiters, \$23.00; also a donation of \$3.00 from Class 9, Donas Washington, leader.

MT. OLIVE A. M. E. CHURCH.

Henry Coffee	\$1 00	Sipio Belomy	\$1 00
A. L. Lewis	1 00	R. L. Brown	1 00
A. J. Jackson	1 00	Kelley Brown	1 00
Kitty Burns	1 00	Mc. Hogword	1 00
Charles Lovelore	1 00	Clark Thomas	1 00

John Morrison	1 00	S. Hampton	1 00
R. B. Thompson	1 00	O. W. Morrison	1 00
J. J. Coffee	1 00	Andrew Jackson	1 00
Sam Davis	1 00	Sophia Turner	1 00
Hattie Nellum	1 00	Primus Nellum	1 00
Mr. Simpkins	1 00	Sarah Bradley	1 00
Sallie Decorter	1 00	Alice Calhoun	1 00
Martha Collins	1 00	Margrett Jones	1 00
Mary Grant	1 00	Mariah Ivony	1 00
Emma Blake	1 00	Betty Edmonson	1 00
Sister Dorley	1 00	W. L. Mitchell	1 00
Hattie Mills	1 00	A. G. Gant	1 00
Lettie Jones	1 00	Montheo Chambers	1 00
Queen Jackson	1 00	Ellen Thomas	1 00
Mary Turrell	1 00	Sister Newbont	1 00
Jannie Brown	1 00	Lucinda Harris	1 00
Patsy Jones	1 00	Florence Mitchell	1 00
Martha Jones	1 00	Rebecca Morgan	1 00
Mrs. H. G. King	1 00	Annie Jones	1 00
Addison Thomas	1 00	Susan Wellingham	1 00
Emma Cox	1 00	Jennie Lee	1 00
Georgiana Butler	1 00	Jonas Lawrence	1 00
Carrie Lovelace	1 00	L. A. D. Brown	1 00
Claude Hurst	1 00	Rose Hubanks	1 00
Lillie Pursley	1 00	Maggie Hampton	1 00
Frank Williams	1 00	Lillie Grant	1 00
Malesia Simons	1 00	Hannah Gadsen	1 00
Josephine Williams	1 00	Arcansus Cory	1 00
Lendy Gest	1 00	Ever Morrison	1 00
Drumer Davis	1 00	Robb Dewall	1 00
Ella Ross	1 00	Gracy Davis	1 00
Fannie Coffee	1 00	Maria Wells	1 00
Mary Comer	1 00	Hattie Houston	1 00
Maggie Wiggins	1 00	Rachel Coleman	1 00
Martha Davis	1 00	George Kertsy	1 00
Sallie Hogwood	1 00	Jordon Grant	1 00
George Chambers	1 00	Maria Williams	1 00
Mary Davis	1 00	Mary Williams	1 00
Eliza Jackson	1 00	Albert Thomas	1 00
Mary Glass	1 00	Charlotte Long	1 00
Hannah Simons	1 00	Pelonia Reid	1 00
Ella Austin	1 00	M. G. Smith	1 00
J. L. Williams	1 00	Emma Wilson	1 00
Philis Mosley	1 00	R. Comer	1 00

Hattie Cory	1 00	Esther Johnson	1 00
Frank Rivers	1 00	Polly Duvall	1 00
Charlie Wilson	1 00	Jannie Williams	1 00
Cloy Weston	1 00	Bro. Young	1 00
Frank Butler	1 00	C. F. J. Banks	1 00
Bro. March	1 00	Moses Hill	1 00
Katy Thomas	1 00	Johnnie Thomas	1 00
Elsin Davis	1 00	Cornelia Jackson	1 00
Dana Thomas	1 00	Ella Rauls	1 00
Mattie Morrison	1 00	Rev. Collier	1 00
Sister Savage	1 00	Bro. Jones	1 00
Peter Coffee	1 00	Rebecca Thomas	1 00
Alice Locket	1 00	Maggie Tosten	1 00
Laura Pinkney	1 00	Minnie Simons	1 00
Laura Monroe	1 00	V. Nathan	1 00
Joe Thomas	1 00	J. W. Wilson	1 00
Bee Jackson	1 00	Mr. Gillard	1 00
W. H. Decorter	1 00	Mc. Queen	1 00
Samuel Brown	1 00	Esia Hill	1 00

MT. ZION STATION.

REV. R. SEABROOKS, Pastor.

Thomas Hundley	\$1 00	John Simmons	\$1 00
James Hagins	1 00	Edward Boroughs	1 00
Winnie Boroughs	1 00	E. S. Alexander	1 00
Josephine Le Brooks	1 00	Marthy Thomas	1 00
Primus Dixon	1 00	Frank Dixon	1 00
Julia Dixon	1 00	Fanny Dixon	1 00
Joanna Dixon	1 00	Ada Dixon	1 00
William Brown	1 00	Victoria Brown	1 00
Albert Miller	1 00	Sister Coffee	1 00
Kate Coffee	1 00	Charolotte Boroughs	1 00
Adline McCleary	1 00	Thos McCleary	1 00
Jessie McCall	1 00	Rhoda Dots	1 00
Kate Jones	1 00	Lucinta Selby	1 00
Emily Mosly	1 00	Alice Miller	1 00
Grant Nixon	1 00	T. Coleman	1 00
Horace Edmundson	1 00	Adam Bostrohick	1 00
Liv Selmo	1 00	Maria Coleman	1 00
Jennie Miller	1 00	W. B. Jones	1 00
William Stewart	40	Joseph Washington	40

Rose Timins	1 00	Fannie Thomas	1 00
Harriet Washington	25	Lucius Alex	1 00
Geo. Griffin	1 00	Mary Griffin	1 00
Jin Nixon	1 00	Nancy Tucker	1 00
Emanuel Henry	1 00	Hammond Holmes	1 00
Daniel Holmes	1 00	Hannah Holmes	1 00
Amanda William	1 00	Laura Johnson	1 00
Bella Smith	1 00	Rachel William	1 00
Aaron Williams	1 00	Emma Hogins	1 00
Agnes Graham	1 00	Juresa Hogins	1 00
Daniel Miller	1 00	Joe Middleton	1 00

The names of those paid from 10 cents to \$1 00, was lost.

ST. JOHN'S MISSION.

C. C. HICKS, Pastor.

Mody Williams	\$1 00	John Smith	\$1 00
Jacob A. Williams	1 00	Della Ruffin	1 00
Sister Wurett	1 00	Mr. Andrew Reed	1 00
Cain Bolden	1 00	Francis Sherman	50
Ella Sargon	50	Mrs. Younge	50
Mr. Younge	50		

LIVE OAK DISTRICT.

A. B. DUDLEY, Pastor.

Laura Mattier	\$1 00	Martha Gales	\$1 00
Sallie Martin	1 00	Delia Nelson	1 00
Wm. Jones	1 00	Adam Washington	1 00
Sarah Nelson	1 00	Peter Martin	1 00
Mella Jones	1 00	Clarcy Samuel	1 00
Wm. Gales	1 00	Rhoda Mattier	1 00
Andrew Jones	1 00	Amanda Jones	1 00
Samuel Pompy	1 00	Francis Holmes	1 00
John Cheesburg	1 00	Mary Jane Washington	1 00
Sip Nathan	1 00	Caldwell Nathan	1 00
Wm. Medlock	1 00	Sam Samuel	1 00
Samuel Lott	1 00	L. W. Williams	1 00
Warren Washington	1 00	Solomon Wallice	1 00

Others paid amounts of 25 and 50 cents each, making the total \$34.00.

ST. PAUL STATION.

B. W. WILEY, B. D., Pastor.

Isaac Howard	\$1 00	Jane Spotford	\$1 00
Winnie Holoway	1 00	Emerly Charles	1 00
Lizzie Jemerom	1 00	Everlina Henderson	1 00
Lucy Garey	1 00	Isabella Anderson	1 00
Amanda McKnight	1 00	Mary Roberts	1 00
Mary Wade	1 00	Mammie Brown	1 00
Maria Branham	1 00	Julia A. Wiley	1 00
Dollie McKnight	1 00	Donie Henry	1 00
Anna Edward	1 00	Caroline Hicks	1 00
Mary Stephen	1 00	Marian Branham	1 00
Rilla Anderson	1 00	Thomas Blige	1 00
Caroline Beaman	1 00	Honor Anderson	1 00
Kattie Coleman	1 00	Susan Harris	1 00
Emma Allen	1 00	Florence Doby	1 00
Ada McKaben	1 00	L. W. Mitchell	1 00
Mary Willike	1 00	Chaney Powell	1 00
James Madison	1 00	Silas Curry	1 00
Edom Gross	1 00	Hannah Price	1 00
James P. Johnson	1 00	Henry Blair	1 00
John Green	1 00	Morris Allen	1 00
Wm. Roux	1 00	Robert Barnwell	1 00
Samuel Johnson	1 00	Sallie Lee	1 00
Laura Lendsey	1 00	Fannie Sutteis	1 00
Jane Henry	1 00	Samuel Wade	1 00
Polly Howard	1 00	John Brit	1 00
Vini Lacorn	1 00	Janie Mitchell	1 00
Rosella Randolph	1 00	Eliza Bell	1 00
Lizzie Blair	1 00	Mary L. Howard	1 00
Laura Welch	1 00	Hattie Adams	1 00
Isreal Johnson	1 00	E. M. Roberts	1 00
Spencer Ferrell	1 00	Henry Randolph	1 00
Betsie Randolph	1 00	R. B. Bradley	1 00
John Johnson	1 00	Charlott Patton	1 00
Rebecca Williams	1 00	Tillie Alexander	1 00
Jesse Stephens	1 00	Sallie Madison	1 00
Richard Morris and wife	1 00	Eliza Lewis	1 00
L. Simpkins	1 00	Sarah Lawrence	1 00
Hannah Thornton	1 00	Isaac Thornton	1 00
John H. Johnson	1 00	Mary S. Hopkins	1 00

Lucy Yorkely	1 00	Victoria Johnson	1 00
Mary E. Jackson	1 00	Sarah Mosely	1 00
Laura Johnson	1 00	Mary Jackson	1 00
Prof. E. L. Bell	1 00	Thos. McNight	1 00
Caroline Washington	1 00	John Cox	1 00
I. S. Adkins	1 00	C. A. Chatman	1 00
Charley Williams	1 00	Dinnis Anderson	1 00
Susan Simpkins	1 00	Thomas Williams	1 00
Josephine Anderson	1 00	Sarah Allen	1 00
Eliza Washington	1 00	Annie Barter	1 00
Janie Williams	1 00	Howard Bishop	1 00
Bella Hendrix	1 00	Quincy Spotford	1 00
Harry Brown	1 00	Alexander Walker	1 00
Mitchell Johnson	1 00	Wm. Brown	1 00
T. B. Bevels	1 00	Henry Clay	1 00
Elizabeth Allen	1 00	Miss J. M. Crump	1 00
Agnes Alexander	1 00	D. Picket	1 00
Joseph Norton	1 00	Mary Jackson	1 00

FERNANDINA.

REV. R. D. LEWIS, PASTOR.

M. A. Wallace	\$1 00	L. H. Hamilton	\$1 00
Isaac Tyson	1 00	Lueasia Irvin	1 00
Mary Bradly	1 00	David Grant	1 00
Delias Alexander	1 00	Jessie Smallwood	1 00
Drucilla Lome	1 00	Anna Holland	1 00
Lueasia Williams	1 00	Mary Spencer	1 00
Malinda Smith	1 00	Malinder Steward	1 00
Charity Armstrong	1 00	W. M. Manley	1 00
Mary Nixor	1 00	Anner M. Williams	1 00
Lucy Roland	1 00	Laura Alexander	1 00
J. L. Harris	1 00	Lueasia Hawkins	1 00
Rose Halley	1 00	Cealia Person	1 00
Adline Johnson	1 00	Steptney Green	1 00
Jackey Hawkins	1 00	Thomas Watson	1 00
Palley Hedding	1 00	M. J. Swane	1 00
Tobias Alexander	1 00	Silva Robinson	1 00
Vilott Nabb	1 00	Lueasia Simons	1 00
Julia Lome	1 00	Ellnora Brookins	1 00
Mary E. Lofthouse	1 00	Mathew Argreet	1 00
Nancy Pratt	1 00	Nellie Williams	1 00

Agness Argreet	1 00	Salley Johnson	1 00
Lilly Williams	1 00	Green Chatman	1 00
Jane F. Jones	1 00	Amanda Perry	1 00
Emma L. Steward	1 00	Anner Jones	1 00
Carrie Tyson	1 00	Adline Young	1 00
Drucilla James	1 00	J. Higgletohom	1 00
William Mack	1 00	Henry Lamson	1 00
W. H. Broom	1 00	Thomas Hedding	1 00
Lucy Alexander	1 00	Anner Grant	1 00
Eliza Jones	1 00	Anner Clark	1 00
Lizzie Ned	1 00	William Clark	1 00
Abraham Lawton	1 00	Gaines Spicer	1 00
Henry Sallett	1 00	George Ned	1 00
Henry Smith	1 00	Afey Smith	1 00
Eliza Daurcy	1 00	Samuel Irvin	1 00
Matilda Thomas	1 00	Esabella Williams	1 00
R. L. Roberts	1 00	Lizzie Wilson	1 00
Janey Brooks	1 00	Francis Taylor	1 00
Fannie Williams	1 00	Alfred Robison	1 00
Biner Grant	1 00	Henreter Sharb	1 00
Janey Hawkins	1 00	Rebecue Plummer	1 00
Ellen L. Hardding	1 00	Elenor Chatman	1 00
Henry Scott	1 00	Mary Hawkins	1 00
Ida B. Daurcy	1 00	Eller Williams	1 00
Mary Mack	1 00	Eliza Alexander	1 00
Allen Alexander	1 00	R. S. Delaney	1 00
Lueasia Delaney	1 00	Rosa Roundtree	1 00
Ammey Smith	1 00	Mary Saxtor	1 00
Flora Saxtor	1 00	Miles Saxtor	1 00
Richard Plummer	1 00	Ned Jones	1 00
Henry Halley	1 00	Edward McRay	1 00
Girtrude Tyson	1 00	Celisser Webber	1 00
Sim Callens	1 00	Emma Williams	1 00
Mary Edwards	1 00	March Butler	1 00
Miney Robert	1 00	Lucy Green	1 00
Kate Biggus	1 00	Emanuel Sharp	1 00
B. J. Holland	1 00	Henry Herdding	1 00
Rosa Ellison	1 00	Martha Grant	1 00
Jenet Tyson	1 00	George Williams	1 00
Nutar Bradley	1 00	Muney Grant	1 00
Fred Jackson	1 00	Samuel Williams	1 00
Jane Hall	1 00	Jacob Howell	1 00
J. D. Lome	1 00	Peggy Baley	1 00
Mattie Harris	1 00		

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WEBSTER CIRCUIT.

J. A. QUARTERMAN, Pastor.

Edward W. Williams	\$1 00	Jennie Quarterman	\$1 00
Samuel W. Winkfield	1 00	Lewis Riggins	1 00
Allen Alexander	1 00	Rebecca Dunnum	1 00
Henry Sigler	1 00	Margaret Sigler	1 00
Charlotte Blackcaly	1 00	Josephine Sigler	1 00
Betsey E. Williams	1 00	Alex. Evriet	1 00
Anthony Cumy	1 00	Easta A. Cruse	1 00
Hannah Huny	1 00	Maria Williams	1 00
Minnie Blackcaly	1 00	Annie Bevill	1 00
Adam Dunnum	1 00	Hager Henderson	1 00
Mahalia Heart	1 00	David Cruse	1 00
Robert Garthers	1 00	Samuel L. Lews	1 00
Ida Bryant	1 00	A. P. Picket	1 00
Nancy Picket	1 00	Jam Evriet	1 00
Bud Colburt	1 00	Millice Rud	1 00
Stephen Alexander	1 00	Anthony Belamy, Jr	1 00
Leonor B. Giles	1 00	Maria Belamy	1 00
Landy Green	1 00	Wileaby Green	1 00
Lazrus Williams	1 00	Edward McMullin	1 00
Easta Williams	1 00	Jessie Lawson	1 00
Janus Hopes	1 00	Nancy Lawson	1 00
Elvior Williams	1 00	Edmon Green	1 00
Matilda Holomore	1 00	Eliza Luddealy	1 00
Grandy Green	1 00	Rinah Bell	1 00
Mathews Williams	1 00	Bill Williams	80
Jack Mathews	75	Susan Green	50
Caroline Livingston	50	Missey Bevill	50
A. Niggins	40	Neai Evriet	25

JASPER CIRCUIT

W. L. LIVINGSTON, Pastor.

S. Boad	\$1 00	Richard Cobb	\$1 00
Henry Dickerson	1 00	C. G. Gantling	1 00
Maggie Young	1 00	E. J. Betimy	1 00
N. P. Price	1 00	Sallie Price	1 00
Henry Ford	1 00	Harrie Turmberg	1 00

Miss Estelle

Delage Gantling	1 00	Thomas Madoch	1 00
Anna Livingston	1 00	Hannah Rivers	1 00
Vary Allen	1 00	Lott Turmberg	1 00
H. Henritta Madoch	1 00	W. W. Johnson	1 00
Charley Gerry	1 00	John Conley	1 00
Julious Mutry	1 00	Peter Peterson	1 00
Gilbert Allen	1 00	Jacob James	1 00
Daniel Peterson	1 00	H. H. Jefferson	1 00
Arnetta Robinson	1 00	Lilie Johnson	1 00
Berie Walls	1 00	Isabella Leach	1 00
Mathier Leach	1 00	Emely Graham	1 00
Osom Coleman	1 00	Matilda Allen	1 00
Handa Griffin	1 00		

LIVE OAK CIRCUIT.

A. B. DUDLEY, Pastor.

Alex. Roundtree	\$1 50	Randell Farnell	\$1 00
N. B. Brown	1 00	N. A. Mansfield	1 00
Lear Mansfield	1 00	B. H. Hall	1 00
Adam Stafford	1 00	May Stafford	1 00
Eliza Blunt	1 00	Maria Baker	1 00
Jane Peterson	1 00	Pink Fugerson	1 00
Jennie Fugerson	1 00	Frank Pompy	1 00
Emily Clark	1 00	Bellah Hall	1 00
Georgia Parish	1 00	M. A. Comer	1 00
Gilbert Johnson	1 00	Anna Ray	1 00
C. M. Morton	1 00	Robert Johnson	1 00
Elcy Woodruff	1 00	Bettie Morant	1 00
E. D. McClenon	1 00	Mary Wilson	1 00
Jane Marshal	1 00	Moses Jones	1 00
S. K. Jones	1 00	Calvin Zam	1 00
Morris Williams	1 00	Jennie Stafford	1 00
Henrietta Stafford	1 00	Fannie Moton	1 00
Charles Taylor	1 00	Henry Coleman	1 00
Cathron Morant	1 00	Phillip Fields	1 00
Joseph Brooks	1 00	George Paterson	1 00
Bishop Riley	1 00		

Others paid amounts of 25 and 50 cents each, making the total \$68.00.

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ENTERPRISE CIRCUIT.

A. A. FLEMING, Pastor.

July Jenkins	\$1 00	C. L. Gadlin	\$1 00
Jerry Roper	1 00	David Nelson	1 00
Susan Nelson	1 00	Moris Smith	1 00
Florida Williams	50	Sally Thamsan	1 00
I. S. Smith	1 00	Amealia Roper	1 00
Francis Williams	1 00	James Thamson	1 00
Peter McBurney	50	Mary McBurney	50
Alford McBurney	1 00	Lucy McBurney	1 00
Eliza McBurney	50	Howard McBurney	25
Mary McBurney	25	Minty Thamson	50
Henry Thamson	50	Ginsy Thamson	50
Fany Bines	50	S. A. Williams	50
Viola Williams	50	Lucy Williams	50
T. B. Williams	1 00	John L. Jinkins	1 00
Alice Nelson	1 00	Ophelia Walstine	1 00
S. A. Smith	1 00	Eliza James	1 00
Josephine Gordon	50	Jessie Gorden	50
Edward Pryer	50	Laura James	1 00
J. T. Walstin	50	James Raper	50

DE LAND STATION.

Dandy William	\$1 00	Levy Collett	\$1 00
E. P. Jackson	1 00	E. W. Swaun	1 00
Emma Williams	1 00	Elisha Roundtree	1 00
Gad Heral	1 00	Wm. King	1 00
Sallie L. King	1 00	Rosa Seamore	1 00
J. V. Vaughn	1 00	Jnlia Monroe	1 00
Ellen Fisher	1 00	C. G. Griffin	1 00
Eliza Blockstone	1 00	Florence Banks	1 00
R. Collett	1 00	Annie Mosely	1 00
Ida Anderson	1 00	S. A. Robinson	1 00
Benj. Greene	1 00	A. B. Harris	1 00
Emma Harris	1 00	Nancy Griffin	1 00
Emma Burrough	1 00	Geo. Parker	1 00
Anner Parker	1 00	Lit Jones	1 00
Angeline William	1 00	Annie Jefferson	1 00
Susie Edwood	1 00	Turner Robinson	1 00

Isiah Coffee	1 00	Gracy A. Jackson	1 00
Frank Wilson	1 00	M. A. Certain	1 00
R. Thomas	1 00	Phenton Neal	1 00
A. R. Mason	1 00	Duscie King	1 00
H. R. Roundtree	1 00	Amos Green	1 00
William Wilson	1 00	Louisa James	1 00
Julia Swaun	1 00	Sarah Sunders	1 00
Sarah Bradley	1 00	P. R. Turmon	1 00
Annie Grffin	1 00	T. C. Cole	1 00
William Bomon	1 00	A. Edward	1 00
Willie Edward	1 00	Paul Edward	1 00
J. H. Harris	1 00	Matilda Robinson	50
M. J. Williams	1 00	Millie Hawkins	1 00
A. J. Jefferson	1 00	J. W. Reddick	1 00
A. Brown	1 00	Fannie Gilbert	50
Sam Johnson	1 00	Lizzie Henry	1 00
S. H. Henry	1 00	Bro. Keonon	1 00
Sister Keonon	1 00		

ST. AUGUSTINE.

W. C. Carroll	1 00	Mary Martin	1 00
H. H. Johnson	1 00	Mrs. James Williams	1 00
Charles Edwards	1 00	Mrs. E. A. Duncan	1 00
George Edwards	1 00	Marietta Stevens	1 00
Effie Edwards	1 00	Ellen Lamb	1 00
Mary Feaster	1 00	Sarah Wayne	1 00
Cora Saunders	1 00	John Woodson	1 00
Hattie Alston	1 00	Sister Unknown	1 00
Maria Dickson	1 00	Jane Johnson	1 00
Henry Johnson	1 00	Ralte Butler	1 00
Henry Perry	1 00	Samuel Bradley	1 00
Sherman Dozier	1 00	Cathrin Johnson	1 00
N. O. P. Thomas	1 00	J. McClain	1 00
Mary Booth	1 00	Sister Coop	1 00
Nettie Madison	1 00	Moses Myers	1 00
Mollie McGuire	1 00	Blandina Alexander	1 00
John Vain	1 00	Emma McClain	1 00
Mary J. Williams	1 00	Mrs. S. A. Bryant	1 00
Mrs. Jordan	1 00	Mary Allison	1 00
Amanda Randolph	1 00	Amos Philips	1 60
Mrs. Rivers Clark	1 00	S. W. Duncan	1 00

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EAST FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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Emma Anderson	1 00	Martha Crosby	1 00
Laura Morgan	1 00	G. D. Stark	1 00
Sarah West	1 00	William Green	1 00
Jane Davis	1 00	Mrs. Carroll	1 00
Richard James	1 00	Caroline Grissom	1 00
J. V. Wood	1 00	Washington McDuffee	1 00
J. H. Christopher	1 00	Susanna Sawyer	1 00
D. W. McGuire	1 00	Caroline Sawyer	1 00
John Nelson.	50	Harriet Coleman	50

CEDAR KEYS CIRCUIT.

Martha Ann Simns	\$1 00	Martha Anderson	\$1 00
Francis Bryant	1 00	Amenda Williams	1 00
Molly Hall	1 00	Rebecca Carter	1 00
Sarah Groventine	1 00	Robert Hall	1 00
Lucy Heston	1 00	L. Bruce	1 00
Louisa Bird	1 00	Charles White	1 00
A. E. Williams	1 00	Jefrey Simmon	1 00
Meala Jackson	1 00	Geo. Shorter	2 00
A. Thornton	1 00	Wm. Canty	1 00
J. W. Williams	1 00	David Williams	1 00
Criss Landy	1 00	D. T. Rolf	1 00
Geo. Smillie	1 00	D. Bird	1 00
Mattie Thornton	1 00	K. Simns	1 00
Louisa Canty	1 00	Sarah Kemp	1 00
Darcus White	1 00	Cinda Conyere	1 00
Adaline Tape	1 00	Caroline Seastrunk	1 00
Mary Mitchell	1 00	Frances Holiman	1 00
Phemy Bryant	1 00	Arky Bell	75
Dora Smith	50	Lizzie Campbell	25

TITUSVILLE MISSION.

W. B. Kellix	\$1 00	F. A. Richardson	\$1 00
H. C. Brown	1 00	Geo. B. Shaw	1 00
J. J. Planer	1 00	W. W. Butthers	1 00
B. Allen	1 00	Wm. Speed	1 00
Joseph Brown	1 00	George Morrison	1 00
J. J. Falkner	1 00	B. T. Mayor	1 00
James Scott	1 00	Moses Baker	1 00

Walles Dasher	50	M. L. Brothers	1 00
Susan Allen	1 00	C. L. Topscomb	1 00
Allis Hitson	1 00	Murry Edwards	1 00
Betty Brown	1 00	Lizzie Williams	1 00
Liddia Richardson	1 00	Catherine Robbison	1 00
Rosa Annett	1 00	Sarah Hill	50
Edeath Hall	50	Susan Daves	1 00
Minnie Barnwell	1 00	Maude Barnewell	1 00
Hattie Robbison	1 00	Martha Acan	50
Lizie Starkes	1 00	Morriah Palmer	75

GEORGETOWN CIRCUIT.

REV. J. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

J. F. Reed	\$1 00	F. D. Blue	\$ 1 00
D. A. Scott	1 00	A. Rose	1 00
J. H. Green	1 00	S. Griffith	1 00
J. B. Gordon	1 00	A. B. Tillman	1 00
S. H. Young	1 00	S. Scury	1 00
A. L. J. Grisby	1 00	G. W. Powell	1 00
Moses Brenson	1 00	E. M. Maddox	1 00
Nelly Green	1 00	Ida Green	1 00
Sister Scott	1 00	Louisa Scury	50
Sister Reeds	50	Sister F. D. Blue	50
Betsey Young	50	Laura Rose	50
Sister Gordon	50	Frances Tilliman	50
Isaac Hill	50	Farstana Griffith	50
Josephine Grisby	50	Sister Dobey	25

WELAKA.

R. L. Night	\$1 00	Josh's Lacket	\$1 00
Liddy Mazel	1 00	F. E. Gadsen	1 00
Sister Lukes	1 00	R. Reddick	1 00
Joe Bradley	1 00	Burrll Bradley	1 00
Lane Bradley	1 00	No name	1 00
Hannah Bradley	50	Dicey Flynn	50
Tylar Flynn	50	Sister Scott	50
Sister Night	50		

NORWALK.

P. Roundtree	\$1 00	G. Anderson	\$1 00
Sister Anderson	1 00	Thomas Dixson	1 00
Sister G. Nelson	1 00	Sister R. Rhodes	25

EAST PALATKA MISSION.

M. G. PRICE, Pastor.

Manas Berry	\$1 00	A. J. McGlaughlin	\$1 00
S. J. Patterson	1 00	Wm. R. Roundtree	1 00
Mary Jenkins	1 00	C. C. Marschel	1 00
D. Porter	1 00	J. B. Babb	1 00
Oliver Randolph	1 00	W. H. Flanders	1 00
C. W. Patterson	1 00	Annie Porter	1 00
G. H. Morton	1 00	T. H. Patterson	1 00
Cyrus Floyd	1 00	Maria Wilson	1 00
Ella B. Bolling	1 00	Thos Williams	1 00
Annie Williams	1 00	Annie Patterson	1 00
Rachel Patterson	1 00	A. W. Bolling	1 00
W. M. Reid	1 00	Theodore Mitchell	1 00
Henry Williams	1 00	Tobias Bolling	1 00
George Nash	1 00	Clara Reid	1 00
R. B. Bryant	75	Roxy Nash	60
J. B. Page	50	Ella A. Reid	50
Mary Wagner	50	Celie Morton	50
Frances King	50	Nancy Sargeos	50
Esther Paige	50	Louvenia Miller	50
Maggie Reid	50	Alice Page	50
Addie McGlaughlin	50	Minerva Miller	50
Frank Bryant	50	Laura Scott	50
F. W. Fordham	50	Lou White	35
Harris Kirkeling	25	Dora Bolling	25
Manuel Thomas	15	James Rivers, from a friend . .	10
Cooper Small	10	Celia Small	10

FT. MYERS' MISSION.

REV. W. S. BROWN, Pastor.

Sister Rebecca Armstrong . .	\$1 00	Sister Mary W. Williams . .	\$1 00
Sister Emma Williams	1 00	Mrs. Annie Howard	50
Mr. I. A. Howard	50		

ST. JAMES.

Bro. A. L. Bronson	\$1 00	Sister Sallie Armstrong	\$1 00
Sister Carrie Williams	1 00	Mr. James Johnson	1 00
Mr. W. M. Bishop	1 00		

EVINSTON.

REV. J. J. SMITH, Pastor.

C. H. Niles	\$1 00	A. J. Niles	\$1 00
A. A. Lewis	1 00	M. A. Lewis	1 00
Charley Bennett	1 00	Emma Bennett	1 00
Mary J. Davis	1 00	George Washington	1 00
George Miller	1 00	Peter Stevenson	50
Lottie Stevenson	50	A. F. Niles	50
Anna Niles	50	Isabelly Robinson	35

ST. JAMES CHAPEL.

REV. T. T. GAINES, Pastor.

Isabella Williams	\$1 00	Lucy Jackson	1 00
D. Jewett	1 00	Annie Hall	1 00
Frank Hall	1 00	Sarah Davis	1 00
Rasana Thomas	1 00	Mory Scuory	1 00
Sallie King	1 00	Lucinda Howord	1 00
Dinah Gaines	1 00	Thomas Law	1 00
Dicy Ballard	1 00	N. W. Samuels	1 00
John Tabor	1 00	E. D. Ballord	1 00
Adline Stone	1 00	E. M. Ward	1 00
Laurah Ward	1 00	W. N. Brown	1 00
Seland Byrd	1 00	Charlott Love	1 00
Lousia Small	1 00	Pinkney Jones	1 00
Jilson McKinney	1 00	Lucy McKinney	1 00
George Hooks	1 00	Elvira Hooks	1 00
Maggie Brown	1 00	Maggie Middleton	1 00
D. D. Sweet	1 00	Kallie Walding	1 00
Jane Hills	1 00	W. G. McGill	1 00
A. Jackson	1 00	Amanda John	1 00
Psu C. Denmork	1 00	Morioh Martin	1 00
J. C. Middleton	1 00	M. P. Paul	1 00
James Caword	1 00	Joeaner Galitan	1 00
Emmer Long	1 00	B. M. Gardner	1 00
Lizzie McKnight	1 00	Fannie Johnson	1 00
Patrick Johnson	1 00	W. D. Davis	1 00
Kattie Williams	1 00	Mattie Jones	1 00
S. McKnight	1 00	Nancy Simmons	1 00

Frances Comens	1 00	Frank Jackson	1 00
Rosy Jackson	1 00	D. J. Williams	1 00
Rindo Irvin	1 00	A. E. Irvin	1 00
Mary Gerard	1 00	Sarah Ruffin	1 00
W. B. Ballard	1 00	E. T. Davis	1 00
Sarah Mock	1 00	Roody Gardner	1 00
Hattie Rogers	1 00	John Muuffy	50
Jane Ballard	50	C. C. Steven	25
Martha Sweet	50	C. A. Brown	50
N. F. Brown	50	J. F. C. Robin	50
Francers Jackson	75	Josephine Farister	50
Laurah Modra	50	Charly Burinds	50
D. H. Jones	1 00	Frances Jones	1 00
R. A. Byrin	1 00	Isaac Fields	1 00
S. E. Braum	50	B. Brooks	1 00
G. D. Denmork	1 00	Julia Cawood	1 00

MICANOPY STATION.

J. N. CLINTON, Pastor.

R. R. Buckson	\$1 00	J. E. Lee	\$1 00
N. S. Grier	1 00	H. Martin	1 00
Louisa Woodard	1 00	Salina Rollins	1 00
Jennie O'Dees	1 00	Lucinda Stafford	1 00
Henrietta Washington	1 00	Betsy Buckson	1 00
William Murphrey	1 00	S. E. Kinsler	1 00
Eddie Kinsler	1 00	Rachel Lee	1 00
Ellen Grier	1 00	Jenny Mays	1 00
Francis Walters	1 00	Lizzie Stewart	75
Louisa Bassett	50	Martha Canty	50
Rovenia Jefferson	50	John Buford	25
Liddy McCaul	25	Robert Johnson	19 75
Dollar money collected for members			35 00

PICOLATA.

James Williams	\$1 00	Willis Jones	\$1 00
Daniel Jones	1 00	Amelna Jones	1 00
Lizzie Jones	1 00	Julna Snuks	1 00
L. W. Garnett	1 00	L. H. B. Green	1 00
Joseph E. Sunks	1 00	Washington Williams	1 00

HAWTHORNE CIRCUIT.

REV. JOHN H. DICKERSON, PASTOR.

Susan Brown	\$1 00	S. B. Brown	\$1 00
Tiller Prestley	1 00	William Reddick	1 00
Bettie Forester	1 00	Peter Prestley	1 00
Maria Prestley	1 00	Peggie Prestley	1 00
Frank McCoy	1 00	D. L. Lee	1 00
Geo. Jenkins	1 00	Dina Hinton	1 00
Mary C. Robinson	1 00	A. H. Sanders	1 00
Members of Sunday School . .	1 00	Rebecca Brown	1 00
Mary Gibson	1 00	Georgia Gary	1 00
J. T. Gary	1 00	T. Wilson	1 00
James Jones	1 00	Teana Jones	1 00
Rebecca Thomas	1 00	Jane Dawsie	1 00
Esther Jordan	1 00	Carroline Lipson	1 00
James L. Gary	1 00	Julia Manuel	1 00
Lucinda Thompson	1 00	Harriett Sanders	2 00
John Cuspad	1 00	William Prestley	1 00
Estell Robinson	1 00	J. T. Smith	1 00
Belle Steward	1 00	Adline Woodard	1 00
V. F. Sanders	1 00	Rev. Mrs. Dickerson	1 00
William Ryon	50	A. Reddick	50
Phitlis Prestley	50	Julia Jenkins	75

SHILOH.

Mary Ryan	1 00	Laura Adger	1 00
Vina Hall	1 00	Patrick Armon	1 00
Sarah Armon	1 00	G. W. Carroll	1 00
Amelia Adger	1 00	A. B. Hall	1 00
E. W. Session	1 00	S. P. Baker	1 00
Siller Mason	1 00	C. Livingston	1 00
M. J. Ryan	1 00	Fannie Jones	1 00
Rosana Thompson	1 00	Amanda Smith	1 00
Francis Session	1 00	M. Thompson	1 00
Robert Roy	1 00	Mary Baker	1 00
Elizebeth Perkins	1 00	Samuel Ryan	50
Susan Millage	50	Lucy Jones	50
Isaac Ryan	50	Wm. Ryan	50
Francis Roy	50	C. Roy	50
Indiana Ryan	50	Vick Livingston	10

ENTERPRISE CIRCUIT.

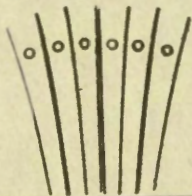
A. A. FEMMING, Pastor.

The following is the list of officers and members of the Young People's Auxilliary Club: President, William James, Jr.; Vice-President, T. A. Roper; Henry Simans, J. F. Williams, G. W. Nelson, Bettie Barnes, J. H. Bines, Willie B. Roper, Ida S. Walstine, D. C. Nelson, Leonard Wells, Florence M. Walstine, H. J. Jones, Alexander Jenkins, Evalyna Walstine, Joseph Roper, Eugene Walstine, Robert McCollaugh, Robert Hill, Charlie Jones, Lucy Glass, John A. Jenkins, B. M. Milliner.

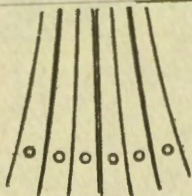


NAME OF APPOINTMENT.

Bethel Station,
Sanford Station,
Mt. Olive Station,
St. Paul Station,
De Land Station,
Enterprise Station,
Lees Station,
W.



STATISTICS.



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Livingston	10

ENTERPRISE DISTRICT-FINANCIAL TABLE.

NAME OF APPOINTMENT.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Contingent Money....	Dollar Money.....	Pastor's Salary.....	P. E. Salary.....	P. E. Traveling Expenses.....	Bishop's Traveling Expenses...	Amount Collected Building & Repairs...	Amount Indebtedness.....	Missionary Home and Foreign...	Bible Cause.....	Ladies' Mite Society.....	Amount Collected Children's Day.....	Amount Collected Endowment Day....	Charitable Purposes.....	Special Purposes.....	Total Amount Collected.....
Bethel Station, Key West...	G. W. Witherspoon	\$ 50	\$ 177 00	\$ 965 25	\$ 200 00			\$1039 25	\$ 200 00	\$ 500 00	\$ 50		\$ 2 75	\$ 5 00	\$ 94 00	\$ 51 00	\$ 1930 75
Sanford Station.....	T. T. Gaines.....	50	76 00	539 27	7 94		\$14 00	939 25	300 00				3 75	2 00	19 75		1673 77
Mt. Olive Station, Orlando...	D. W. Gillislee.....	25	125 00	965 00	79 47		14 00	939 25	300 00				8 00	28 00	19 75		1787 95
St. Paul Station, Tampa.....	B. W. Wiley.....	75	105 00	825 00	98 00		28 00	776 00	250 00	16 50	2 00		7 45	20 45	122 50	23 00	2024 65
De Land Station.....	R. S. Quarterman...	30	35 00	398 79	44 00			492 90	656 00	1 65			2 65		13 40		985 29
Enterprise Circuit.....	A. A. Fleming.....		46 00	184 26	29 00			46 33	35 90				2 00	5 00	7 45		22 32
Leesburg ".....	P. G. Gowen.....	1 00	63 00	425 03	80 50			291 01		9 31	25	50	9 95	16 16	1 95	9 02	987 82
Wildwood ".....	S. A. Scott.....	50	40 00	375 00	73 70			305 25	68 00	4 48			1 86	5 00	6 50	25 00	827 70
Lake Land Mission.....	J. S. Coleman.....	25	25 25	275 90	34 50			231 85		25			7 38	5 55	44 50	65 40	1007 93
Apopka ".....	M. T. B. Thomas.....	10	15 00	316 12	20 86			90 86	500 00	3 99			7 29		6 50	46	523 30
Sumterville ".....	J. A. Quarterman...	50	52 00	391 32	58 30			75 50					13 48	10 60	6 25		600 80
Brooksville ".....	W. H. Bell.....	10	21 00	275 00	14 50			500 00	100 00	25	10		2 08	7 05	5 10	10 00	317 63
Eatonville ".....	John Speight.....	50	80 00	421 50	75 30	2 00		501 26	100 00				3 83	5 00	6 50		1178 90
Longwood ".....	N. J. Williams.....		26 00	270 00	45 00			206 00	210 00				2 00	25	5 00		534 40
De Leon Springs ".....	John Thomas.....	25	14 00	139 25	9 96			500 00	116 19				6 99		6 00		221 20
Titusville ".....	W. B. Killix.....		35 00	300 00	43 64			227 00	200 00	25			7 50	11 13	10 00	6 00	427 00
Daytona ".....	A. Brown.....	50	20 00	210 00	50 00			300 00	25 00	50			5 00	3 00	16		545 00
Astor ".....	S. F. Smith.....	10	13 00	150 00	5 75	1 25		90 17					3 00		3 20		221 17
Orange City Circuit.....	R. L. Spencer.....	10	51 00	375 28	22 65			213 55	100 00	1 11	45		4 86	3 00	23 48	10 00	824 38
Yalaha Mission.....	A. L. Smart.....	10	12 00	97 40	8 05			38 37		25	10		3 77	1 00	2 25		128 84
Eustis ".....	A. L. Williams.....	25	20 00	235 26	23 00			210 51	12 00	75			66	4 03	12 97	5 00	520 95
Oakland ".....	T. J. Williams.....	25	16 00	138 52	17 05	1 00		37 38	32 50	1 00	25		3 41	1 00	4 45	9 50	229 70
Manatee ".....	Robert Fennell.....	25	7 00	112 71				125 00		50							238 00
Kissimmee ".....	Henry Hawkins.....	50	23 00	200 25	20 50			100 15	20 00	1 00			1 30	1 00	10 50	3 00	531 00
Tarpon Springs Mission	J. D. Hill.....	10	20 50	85 00	7 50	3 05		50 00	60				25				106 50
Pontagada ".....	W. S. Brown.....	15	9 00	75 00	9 00			97 30									123 00
Arcadia ".....	Joseph Weston.....	10	8 00	75 00	9 00			97 30									124 00
Ft. Mead ".....	A. Jackson.....	10	10 50	18 00													28 00
St. Cloud ".....	S. Thompson.....		4 00	15 00	2 50	45		97 00	30								78 45
Center Hill ".....	John Tillman.....		4 00	25 00				10 00									39 10
Clair Mont ".....			1 00														
St. Petersburg ".....	George Vaughn.....		2 00								3 55	50					
Total.....		\$ 8 00	\$1156 75	\$8780 20	\$1161 47	\$ 8 85	\$56 00	\$8627 38	\$7167 59	\$ 541 79	\$ 7 20	\$ 1 00	\$ 109 16	\$ 133 89	\$ 441 91	\$ 220 93	\$ 19008 70

ENTERPRISE DISTRICT—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

NAME OF APPOINTMENT.	NAME OF PASTOR.	No. Teachers.....	Value of School Houses.....	No. Day Schools.....	No. Conversion Church.....	Value of Parsonages.....	No. Parsonages.....	Value of Churches...	No. Churches.....	No. Marriages.....	Infants Baptized.....	Adults Baptized.....	No. Died.....	Total Church Membership.....	No. Class Leaders.....	No. Trustees.....	No. Stewardesses.....	No. Stewards.....	No. Exhorters.....	No. Local Preachers..	No. Probationers.....	No. Members.....	
Bethel Station, Key West...	G. W. Witherspoon	302	176	3	...	9	9	9	16	476	42	26	48	27	1	\$ 4200 00	1	\$ 400 00	68	...	...	...
Orlando Station.....	D. W. Gillislee.....	125	...	6	2	3	9	7	11	125	2	50	25	3	1	2000 00	...	...	50	1	\$ 600 00	5
St. James Station.....	T. T. Gaines.....	115	2	4	1	7	5	9	6	115	1	13	7	9	2	1365 00	...	...	12	1	...	4
St. Paul Station.....	B. W. Wily.....	130	6	3	2	9	9	9	8	130	2	8	21	22	1	3000 00	...	...	7	...	...	...
De Land Station.....	R. S. Quarterman...	60	2	5	...	3	3	5	6	62	...	20	3	2	1	1200 00	1	500 00	21	...	...	...
Kissimmee Station.....	Henry Hawkins.....	32	1	1	3	5	4	3	3	34	2	15	4	2	1	500 00	...	...	22	1	...	1
Eustis Mission.....	L. D. Williams.....	20	...	...	1	6	6	6	3	20	1	2	9	2	2	900 00	...	...	3	3	...	3
Titusville Mission.....	W. B. Killix.....	33	15	5	1	9	...	9	6	48	...	4	...	1	3	1950 00	...	...	8	3	...	3
Yalaha Mission.....	A. L. Smart.....	18	8	...	...	9	6	3	3	22	...	1	6	4	2	150 00	...	...	1	2	...	2
Wildwood Circuit.....	S. A. Scott.....	104	50	2	1	6	14	9	12	154	2	1	16	2	3	2000 00	1	100 00	13	3	...	4	
Tarpon Springs Mission.....	J. D. Hill.....	20	7	...	...	3	3	3	1	20	...	...	...	2	2	180 00	1	30 00	1	1	...	1
Oakland Mission.....	T. J. Williams.....	28	2	2	...	5	3	4	3	28	2	10	4	...	1	300 00	...	...	22	1	...	1
Datona Circuit.....	Alfred Brown.....	45	5	6	...	3	3	3	4	45	1	2	...	3	2	1300 00	1	200 00	2	1	...	1	
Orange City Circuit.....	R. L. Spencer.....	72	8	7	3	15	12	10	5	72	1	15	12	8	2	1500 00	...	...	20	...	...	...
Fort Myers Circuit.....	W. S. Brown.....	17	...	1	...	6	9	9	3	17	...	...	...	3	3	95 07	...	...	1	1	...	1
Arcadia.....	J. Weston.....	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	1	5	...	1	700 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manatee.....	Robert Fennell.....	5	3	...	...	1	4	4	1	5	1	4	3	4	1	250 00	...	...	4	1	...	1
Enterprise Circuit.....	A. A. Fleming.....	43	...	3	...	8	8	7	7	43	1	3	1	2	3	1800 00	...	...	3	...	...	...
Leesburg Circuit.....	P. G. Gowen.....	92	17	5	...	7	3	9	11	109	5	7	9	3	3	4000 00	1	300 00	7	3	...	3	
Ft. Mead Circuit.....	A. Jackson.....	6	2	1	...	2	1	3	1	6	...	...	...	...	1	150 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Cloud Circuit.....	S. R. Thompson.....	5	...	...	...	2	...	3	1	5	...	...	...	...	1	100 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Center Hill Circuit.....	John Tillman.....	5	...	...	...	3	1	3	1	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apopka Circuit.....	M. T. B. Thomas.....	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	8	1	8	3	2	2	1000 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Webster Circuit.....	J. A. Quarterman...	75	18	1	1	7	9	7	7	93	2	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	4	...	...	4
Eatonville Circuit.....	John Speight.....	108	1	7	9	6	7	7	7	109	3	28	2	2	2	1500 00	1	600 00	32	2	...	2	
Brooksville Circuit.....	S. H. Bell.....	30	20	1	1	7	6	9	3	30	...	...	7	2	2	800 00	...	...	3	4	...	4
Lakewood Circuit.....	J. S. Coleman.....	54	13	1	...	12	7	9	4	54	1	...	...	2	2	1400 00	...	...	14	2	...	2
Longwood.....	N. J. Williams.....	22	14	5	1	6	6	6	4	58	2	6	15	1	3	1200 00	...	...	6	2	200 00	2
De Leon Springs.....	John Thomas.....	28	...	7	2	9	9	9	3	28	1	2	3	...	3	300 00	...	...	7	...	...	...
Astor.....	S. F. Smith.....	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Petersburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clair Mont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	1616	374	77	28	168	156	174	140	1944	73	226	2	4	109	53	\$ 28540 07	7	\$ 1730 00	337	36	\$ 800 00	44

ENTERPRISE DISTRICT—SUNDAY SCHOOLS, ETC.

NAME OF APPOINTMENT.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Subscribers (Chris- tian Recorder.....	Subscriber's Child's Recorder.....	Subscribers A.M. E. Review.....	No. Sunday- Schools.....	No. Teachers and Officers	No. Pupils.....	No. (Conversions in Sunday-school	No. Vols. in Library	Amount Raised for Sunday- School Purpo- ses.....	Kind of Litera- ture used.....	Amount Expended for Sunday- School Litera- ture.....
Bethel Station, Key West.....	George W. Witherspoon.....	6	2	4	1	15	276	26	300	\$ 121 00	A. M. E.	\$ 27 00
Sanford Station	Teadeos T. Gaines.....	1		1	2	7	114	1	275	75 40	A. M. E.	25 00
Mt. Olive ".....	Daniel W. Gillislee.....	1		1	1	20	125	3	150	50 00	A. M. E.	30 00
St. Paul ".....	Bulley W. Wiley.....	2	30	1	1	14	140	2	125	120 40	A. M. E.	60 00
Deland ".....	Richard S. Quarterman.....	1		1	1	7	84	20	200	18 00	A. M. E.	10 00
Enterprise Circuit	Alexander A. Fleming.....	2		1	3	9	75		60	16 50	A. M. E.	4 00
Leesburg ".....	Primus G. Gowen.....	1		1	4	11	136		512	40 90	A. M. E.	33 50
Wildwood ".....	Samuel A. Scott.....	1		1	3	9	165		225	39 00	A. M. E.	4 00
Lakeland ".....	James S. Coleman.....	1	10	1	2	9	74	7	12	36 40	A. M. E.	36 00
Apopka ".....	Moses T. B. Thomas.....				2							
Sumterville ".....	Jacob A. Quarterman.....	1	1	1	4	12	125					
Eatonville ".....	John Speight.....	1		1	2	9	105	15	388	27 18	A. M. E.	20 00
Longwood ".....	N. J. Williams.....				3	6	48		290	12 00	A. M. E.	10 00
De Leon Springs	John Thomas.....	1		1	3	6	110		50	12 00	A. M. E.	6 00
Titusville Circuit	W. B. Killix.....	2			3	7	8	2	100	25 00	A. M. E.	
Daytona ".....	Alfred Brown.....	1		1	2	5	40		50	20 00	A. M. E.	12 00
Astor Mission	S. F. Smith.....											
Orange City Mission.....	R. L. Spencer.....	1	1	1	2	10	72	2	76		A. M. E.	6 00
Yalaha ".....	A. L. Smart.....	1			2	4	45	1	15	10 00	A. M. E.	10 00
Eustis ".....	L. D. Williams.....	1			2	4	45	1	15	10 00	A. M. E.	10 00
Oakland ".....	T. J. Williams.....	1			2	9	32	5	54	16 00	A. M. E.	135 00
Manatee ".....	Robert Fennell.....											
Kissimmee ".....	Henry Hawkins.....	1			1	4	34	2	13	10 00	A. M. E.	5 00
Tarpon Springs ".....	J. D. Hill.....											
Pontagoda ".....	Walter S. Brown.....				1	7	49		174	7 74		
Arcadia ".....	Joseph Weston.....				1	3	25		65	17 00	A. M. E.	1 35
Ft. Mead ".....	Augustus Jackson.....				1	2	10		20	3 50	A. M. E.	3 00
Brooksville ".....	S. H. Bell.....	1	12	1	3	9	55		110	125 00	A. M. E.	4 00
St. Cloud ".....	S. Thompson.....				1	1	13		20	2 00	A. M. E.	2 00
Center Hill ".....	John Tilmann.....											
Clair ".....												
St. Petersburg ".....	George Vaughns.....											
Total.....		28	56	18	52	199	1905	89	3299	\$ 815 02		\$ 473 85

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—FINANCIAL TABLE.

NAME OF APPOINTMENT.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Contingent Money....	Dollar Money.....	Pastor's Salary	P. E. Salary.....	P. E. Trav. Expenses	Amount Collected Building and Repairs	Amount Indebtedness	Missionary, Home and Foreign.....	Bible Cause	Ladle's Mite Society.	Amount Collected Children's Day	Amount Collected Endowment Day....	Amount Collected Daughter's Conference.....	Charitable Purposes..	Special Purposes	Total Amount Collected.....
Bethel, Gainesville Station...	Noah S. Jenkins.....	\$ 50	\$ 80 00	\$ 498 85	\$ 53 00	.....	\$ 142 19	\$ 238 85	.....	.....	.....	\$ 4 00	\$ 53 22	.....	\$ 53 16	.....	\$ 879 42
Ocala Station.....	John W. Dukes.....	50	176 50	619 17	91 10	.....	467 01	35 00	.....	25	.....	16 30	25 15	.....	43 53	\$ 12 80	1572 16
Citra Circuit.....	James L. Gray.....	25	107 50	408 25	89 94	.....	110 56	9 05	5 00	.....	.....	4 00	12 72	.....	18 72	.....	757 01
Mt. Tabor Circuit.....	W. A. Walters.....	.....	58 05	400 00	60 40	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	24 00	22 60	.....	18 00	.....	603 05
Cedar Keys Circuit.....	Amos Thompson.....	50	70 00	396 54	44 90	.....	103 33	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 65	41 70	.....	4 00	12 40	776 75
Anthony Circuit.....	Allen Jones.....	50	50 00	325 00	31 60	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 05	1 00	.....	15 00	.....	479 15
Bellview Circuit.....	L. Johnson.....	25	50 00	240 00	38 00	.....	255 00	50 00	1 00	25	.....	.....	1 00	.....	25 00	.....	635 25
Starkes Circuit.....	T. T. Thompson.....	50	43 00	275 00	.....	52	193 50	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	5 00	8 00	683 00
Hawthorne Circuit.....	J. H. Dickerson.....	25	65 00	441 55	65 00	5 00	184 27	50 00	2 00	25	5	1 00	54 00	.....	40 10	3 00	861 37
Micanopy Mission.....	J. N. Clinton.....	25	35 00	111 05	16 00	.....	30 00	18 00	50	.....	.....	5 00	30 00	12 60	.....	.....	240 40
Archer Circuit.....	M. A. Sturks.....	10	32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopessville Mission.....	N. C. Livingston.....	25	41 00	249 75	61 74	.....	65 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	13 35	.....	.....	.....	433 05
Newnansville Mission.....	R. W. Chadwick.....	10	22 00	125 00	38 35	.....	60 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	2 20	15 00	.....	7 00	.....	277 56
Oldtown Mission.....	J. J. Newtown.....	10	11 75	36 00	3 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	644 85
Silver Springs Mission.....	D. L. Williams.....	10	12 00	90 00	2 00	.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 25	.....	231 25
Fairbanks Mission.....	J. J. Singleton.....	20	40 00	185 39	32 00	5 25	110 60	90	50	.....	.....	7 50	9 00	.....	12 00	2 00	405 20
Ocala Mission.....	Y. H. Young.....	.....	30 00	156 00	32 00	.....	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 75	9 00	.....	5 00	.....	256 00
Arredonda Mission.....	G. J. Stafford.....	.....	15 00	65 80	8 07	.....	12 50	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 80	.....	111 17
Lochbie Mission.....	Thomas Haynes.....	25	40 00	210 00	39 00	.....	2 00	37 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	35 00	.....	505 57
Shiloh Mission.....	R. B. Brookins.....	25	15 00	25 00	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	25	25	10	.....	.....	.....	2 00	4 00	52 85
Citrus County Mission.....	E. B. Stidum.....	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion Mission.....	Alexander Scott.....	.....	30 00	200 42	32 05	.....	68 45	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 85	.....	.....	.....	378 35
Waldo Mission.....	R. R. Mouzon.....	25	10 00	163 80	.....	.....	127 63	8 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	4 90	.....	8 00	12 60	233 91
Orange Spring Mission.....	A. W. Walker.....	25	25 00	102 35	18 0	1 00	41 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 35	8 00	.....	2 00	.....	201 95
Rochell and Evingston Mis..	J. J. Smith.....	.....	13 35	75 20	14 35	.....	17 45	60 00	83	.....	.....	1 80	5 00	.....	.....	.....	146 39
Levyville Mission.....	R. H. Houston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake Butler and Stanley.....	John Fisher.....	.....	10 00	45 00	.....	.....	8 00	.....	1 04	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	63 30
Stanton.....	G. W. Archer.....	10	10 00	15 00	.....	.....	24 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	44 85
Grasspon Mission.....	S. A. Harris.....	10	5 00	51 30	.....	.....	1 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 94
Lowell Mission.....	A. J. Bennett.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	5 25	.....	68 27
Hamton Mission.....	John Warner.....	.....	2 50	12 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 50
Jonesville Mission.....	Ransom Green.....	.....	5 00	35 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00
Gordontown Mission.....	B. J. Wideman.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Nobles Hill Mission.....	John Cowen.....	.....	5 00	30 50	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 00
Total.....	\$ 3 65	\$ 1126 65	\$ 5472 94	\$ 775 50	\$ 11 77	\$ 1584 19	\$ 632 80	\$ 11 12	\$ 1 00	15	\$ 106 60	\$ 317 49	\$ 12 60	\$ 190 16	\$ 54 80	\$ 122 57

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NAME OF APPOINTMENT.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Subscribers Recorder	Subscribers Children's Recorder	No. Sunday Schools.	No. Teachers and Officers	No. Pupils	No. Conversions in Sunday Schools	No. Volumes in Library	Amount Raised for Sunday School Purposes	Kind of Literature used	Amount Expended for Sunday School Literature
Bethel Station, Gainesville	Noah S. Jenkins	5	1	1	12	250	2	500	25 25	A.M.E.	\$ 5 00
Ocala Station	John W. Dukes	1	30	1	8	244	30	280	82 70	A.M.E.	72 00
Citra Circuit	James L. Gray	1		3	10	150	5	100	19 70		32 00
Mt. Tabor Circuit	W. A. Walters	1	1	2	9	300	7	125	10 00	A.M.E.	6 00
Cedar Keys Circuit	Amos Thompson	1	1	3	17	145	1	150	84 84	A.M.E.	45 00
Anthony Circuit	Allen Jones			2	10	150	21	375			
Bellsview Circuit	Lewis Johnson	1		3	7	140	4	175	25 00	A.M.E.	2 00
Starkes Circuit	Thos. F. Thompson	1	20	2	10	115	7	150	63 00	A.M.E.	2 00
Hawthorne Circuit	John H. Dickerson	1	3	1	2	14	7	325	72 29	A.M.E.	70 00
Micanopy Circuit	James N. Clinton	1	1	1	4	75		50	47 00	A.M.E.	10 00
Archer Circuit	March A. Sturks										
Hopesville Circuit	N. C. Livingston										
Newnansville Circuit	Richard W. Chadwick			2	4	65		160	8 00	A.M.E.	
Old Town Mission	Joseph J. Newton										
Silver Springs Mission	Dan L. Williams			1	6	45		64	8 00	A.M.E.	8 00
Fairbanks Mission	Jerry J. Singleton	1	4	1	4	15	14	290	15 00	A.M.E.	12 00
Ocala Mission	York H. Young			2	5	50					
Arredonda Mission	G. J. Stafford			1	3	60		24	35 00	A.M.E.	75
Lochbie Mission	Thomas Haynes			3	10	50		75	15 00		5 00
Shiloh Mission	Reuben R. Brookins		1	1	3	65		50	10 00	A.M.E.	5 00
Mt. Zion Mission	Alexander Scott										
Waldo Mission	R. R. Mouzon		1	3	9	46	3		65 00	A.M.E.	5 65
Orange Springs Mission	Author W. Walker										
Evinston Mission	James J. Smith			1	6	30			63 00		
Levyville Mission	Robert H. Houston										
Stanton Mission	George N. Archey			1	1	10		12	3 00	A.M.E.	2 00
Grasspon Mission	S. A. Harris			1	5	30	5	40	1 50	A.M.E.	1 50
Citrus County Mission	E. B. Stidum										
Lowell Mission	A. J. Bennett										
Hampton Mission	John Warner			1	2	25					
Jonesville Mission	Ransom Green	1									
Gordontown Mission	B. J. Wideman										
Noble Hill Mission	John Cowen										
Lake Butler and Standley Mission	John Fisher			1	2	14		10	8 00		2 30
Total		14	57	9	42	172	106	2955	\$ 657 28		\$ 900

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Gainesville Station.....	N. S. Jenkins.....	137	39	4	3	3	9	9	11	215	3	5	10	3	1	1500 00	1	1500 00	15	1	6000 00	6
Ocala Station.....	John W. Dukes.....	218	31	5	1	5	9	5	15	249	2	61	4	4	1	800 00	1	1500 00	83	1	6000 00	6
Citra Circuit.....	J. L. Gray.....	150	80	9	7	7	12	7	12	230	2	5	3	3	2	250 00	1	1500 00	15	1	350 00	2
Mt. Tabor Circuit.....	W. A. Walters.....	102	2	5	2	3	9	7	9	139	7	9	1	2	2	1500 00	1	1500 00	9	1	500 00	1
Starks Circuit.....	T. T. Thompson.....	117	11	3	2	19	13	14	8	117	4	10	11	5	2	900 00	1	150 00	29	1	500 00	2
Anthony Circuit.....	Allen Jones.....	150	25	3	2	8	9	9	10	175	4	15	20	2	2	950 00	1	500 00	5	3	500 00	3
Ocala Circuit.....	Y. H. Young.....	57	2	1	9	8	9	9	57	2	4	1	2	1	2	300 00	1	500 00	5	3	500 00	3
Archer Circuit.....	M. A. Sturks.....	7	2	2	18	18	14	9	60	4	7	11	5	1	1	500 00	1	500 00	6	1	500 00	1
Orange Springs Circuit.....	A. W. Walker.....	60	5	2	2	18	18	14	9	60	4	6	5	4	2	300 00	1	500 00	12	3	1500 00	3
Hawthorne Circuit.....	John W. Dickerson..	79	20	1	4	6	11	9	7	99	12	6	4	3	2	2300 00	1	200 00	12	3	1500 00	3
Bellsview Circuit.....	Lewis Johnson.....	45	19	2	7	4	4	4	4	45	1	3	6	3	2	800 00	1	500 00	11	3	500 00	3
Waldo Circuit.....	R. R. Mouzon.....	63	32	6	2	9	9	19	7	95	3	4	10	7	3	1650 00	1	500 00	39	5	500 00	5
Cedar Keys Circuit.....	Amos Thompson.....	137	48	1	4	16	12	12	8	177	5	28	8	4	2	175 80	1	500 00	39	5	500 00	5
Fairbanks Circuit.....	Jerry J. Singleton...	95	7	1	1	2	3	1	95	1	17	3	2	2	2	600 00	1	500 00	2	2	300 00	2
Old Town Circuit.....	Joseph J. Newton...	21	6	1	2	2	3	2	21	1	39	6	4	3	3	50 00	1	200 00	33	1	200 00	1
Shiloh Mission.....	R. B. Brookins.....	65	15	3	1	3	9	9	5	65	1	3	1	1	1	1500 00	1	500 00	33	1	200 00	1
Lochbie Mission.....	Thos G. Haynes.....	18	1	1	3	3	5	2	29	1	4	1	1	1	1	100 00	1	500 00	33	1	200 00	1
Silver Springs Mission.....	D. L. Williams.....	8	3	2	2	2	2	2	8	1	4	1	1	1	1	500 00	1	500 00	33	1	200 00	1
Stanton Mission.....	George W. Archey...	16	6	1	2	4	2	4	2	22	1	4	1	1	1	500 00	1	500 00	33	1	200 00	1
Evinston Mission.....	J. J. Smith.....	4	1	1	2	2	1	7	18	1	2	1	2	1	2	100 00	1	500 00	33	1	200 00	1
Lowell and Benedict.....	A. J. Bennett.....	24	10	2	2	2	2	2	24	1	2	1	2	1	2	100 00	1	500 00	33	1	200 00	1
Noble Hill Mission.....	John Cowans.....	6	15	1	1	1	1	1	21	1	2	1	2	1	2	100 00	1	500 00	33	1	200 00	1
Jonesville Mission.....	Ransom Green.....	27	10	2	2	5	5	5	3	87	1	2	1	1	1	600 00	1	500 00	33	1	200 00	1
Micanopy Station.....	Jos. N. Clinton.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	600 00	1	500 00	33	1	200 00	1
Hampton Mission.....	J. W. Warner.....	10	13	3	3	3	3	3	2	25	1	8	3	2	3	25 00	1	500 00	33	1	200 00	1
Lake Butler and Standly.....	J. F. Fisher.....	85	18	4	9	9	6	14	85	1	8	3	2	3	3	500 00	1	500 00	33	1	200 00	1
Asbery and Hopewell.....	N. C. Livingston.....	31	6	3	7	9	3	6	37	5	1	1	2	1	1	198 00	1	65 00	4	1	300 00	2
Newnansville Mission.....	R. W. Chadwick.....	18	13	4	3	5	5	4	29	1	6	1	1	1	1	175 00	1	300 00	1	1	300 00	2
Arredonda Mission.....	G. J. Stafford.....	75	15	2	1	9	7	5	7	75	2	35	3	2	2	800 00	1	300 00	1	1	300 00	2
Mt. Zion Mission.....	Alex. Scott.....	16	7	2	3	5	3	3	16	1	7	2	1	1	1	40 00	1	300 00	1	1	300 00	2
Pineville.....	S. A. Harris.....																					
Gordontown.....	B. J. Wideman.....																					
Levyville.....	R. H. Houston.....																					
Total.....		1819	386	66	29	149	153	175	154	2065	49	228	129	69	47	17213 80	7	2415 00	304	33	10905 00	47